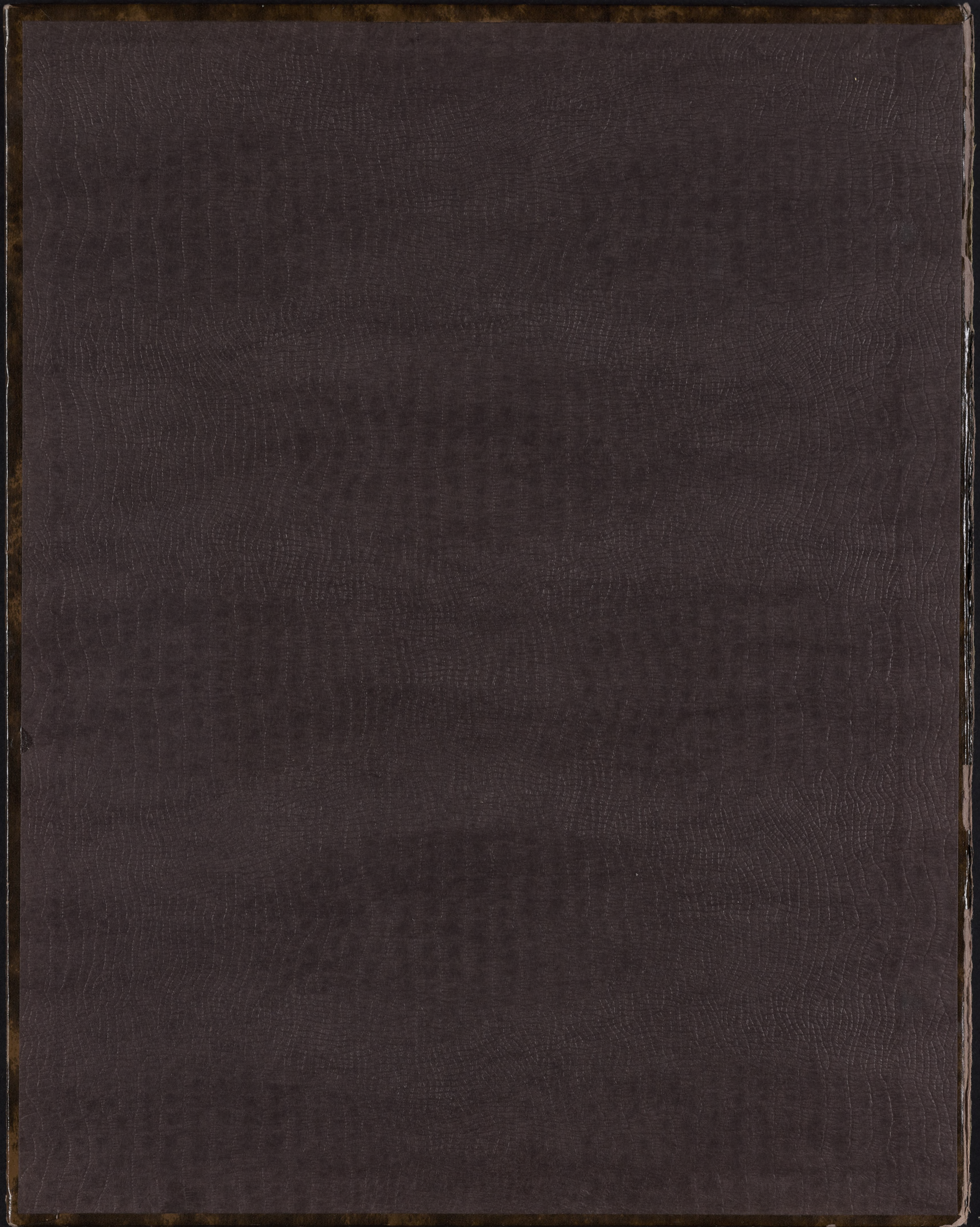






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The writer of this Study in an endeavor to trace the origin of the word "Cupertino" or "Copertino" thinks it may be of interest to explain the possible derivation and historical background of the current names.

The name used to designate the arroyo by the early Spanish explorers of what is now known as Stevens (formerly Cupertino) Creek was "Arroyo de San Joseph Cupertino".

This arroyo (rivulet) was named after Saint Joseph of Cupertino, C.O. Conv. born at Cupertino, diocese of Nardo June 17, 1603. Family name "Desa". Beatified 1767. Feast Day Sept. 18th. Canonized 1767. Authority "Biographical Dictionary of Saints" by Rt. Rev. F. G. Holweck - Page 564.

"Copertino" a present day town in Southern Italy is situated in the heel of the "Italian Boot" in the region of Puglia, Province of Lecce, about 90 miles from Bari and 50 miles from Taranto.

There are several historical versions as to the origin of the words "Cupertino" and "Copertino". Some of our local writers endeavor to relate its derivation to the Italian noun "Coperto" literally and correctly translated to mean a "cover"; "wrapper"; "Jacket" etc. (diminutives m. Copertino; f. Copertina). The "u" in "Cupertino" is attributed to the latin influence. This assumption of the origin of the two words seems to be without authoritative background.

Using as a reference "Numero Unico" 1088-1958 - "In ricorrenza del '870^{MO} Anno di fondazione della" "Basilica Insigne Collegiata S. Maria ad Nives" Copertino-anno 1958 - the reader finds therein that the regions of both Northern and Southern present day Italy was subjected to a great number of invasions and conquests. Following are quoted additional informative recordings from the same source.

Notably Hannibal - (Brilliant General) - Circa 200 B.C. (The Napoleon of the Carthaginian army) from his base of New Carthage in what is now present day Southern Spain - conquered the Iberian Peninsula, crossed

the Alps, entered what is now Italy, defeated many Roman armies, however, to be himself, in turn, later defeated by the Romans. Thus ending his conquest.

Historians further relate that to resist Hannibal a citadel or fortress was built by the Romans, part of which still remains, in the vicinity of "Copertino". Ruins thereof remained to the year 1415 A.D. at which date most of the Citadel was razed to erect on the same site the Convent of San Francesco alongside the Greek Church of St. Nicholas. The Byzantines and the Normans, in turn, also invaded the territory at different times.

Henry the Fourth, Emperor of Germany, and King of Puglia and Sicily, ruled the Southern territory for a period, only to lose control to the Anjous allied with the Prince of Albania, who in turn were unseated by the Aragonese (Spaniards) and still later whose grip was broken by the great Garibaldi who unified the Italy of today.

The origin of the names "Cupertino" and "Copertino" as a consequence of these early invasions reach far back into the early history of what is now present day Italy.

Historian Tasselli attributes the name "Cupertino" as having its origin from the name of a leader named "Cuperio". Cuperio assembled the refugees from ravished and destroyed Southern towns in the region now known as "Copertino". The destruction of these towns occurred during a period circa 615 A.D. by the invading Goths to circa 900 A.D. by the invading Moors.

Historian Marciano writes that the territory of "Cupertino" was founded sometime after 560 A.D. following the Goth invasions. He points out that some historians believe that the name "Cupertino" was derived from the leader "Cuperio", founder of the territory. Still others he says attribute the name "Cupertino" to the latin tense word "Cooperio" and still others say that its derivation came from the words "aperio-aptino" consolidated later to "Cupertino".

Marciano goes on to say that the word "Cupertino" may be related to the words "Convertino" (v. convertio) and "Conventino" (v. convenio).

(Note by Writer) These last two words respectively mean - literally translated the "gathering together" and "convening at" such as occurs at meetings, conventions, etc., and could be related to Cuperio's early efforts of bringing the refugees together.

Historian P. Bonaventura da Lama seems to follow Tasselli's version that the word "Cupertino" was derived from the leader "Cuperio" who consolidated the refugees from the ravished and destroyed Southern towns following the Goth and Saracen invasions at the new land of "Cupertino".

Pope John X with the aid of Painto di Berengario and princes of fiefs of what is now Southern Italy expelled the Turkish Tribal armies from the Cupertino territory - Circa 915 A.D.

The birth of the territory comprising the present town of Copertino as an urban center and adjacent territory may be historically said to have been established in the 10th Century.

In the year of 1266 Charles the First of Anjou, (son of Louis VIII) who particularly favored the Cupertino territory, conquered Naples and Sicily and divided the territory into provinces elevating the Cupertino area to that of a provincial capital.

As governor he appointed one Gualtieri d 'Enghien di Brenna - Duke of Athene and Count of Lecce.

To dignify his position a castle was built by the Duke - a stone thereon being inscribed in latin --

"Gualterius de Brenna Comes Cupertini"
(Gualtieri di Brenna - Count. of Cupertino).

All Latin inscriptions spell "Cupertino" with a "u" -- also ending the word with "i" --

- (a) Inscribed on the tomb of Tristano Chiaromonte, father of Queen Isabella, in the Church of S. Maria in Copertino "Cupertini Comes" will be found.
- (b) An epigraph to Pope Pius VI on a column in the same church reads in part "Collegiatae Regalis Ecclesiae Cupertini".
- (c) In memory of Manfredi - Prince of Taranto; Count of Cupertino - (1235) there is found an inscription on the great gate of the Church which reads in part "Marfredus Tarenti Princeps comes Cupertini".

"Copertino" seems to be a word of later origin. "Cupertino" predates the word "Copertino" hence the reference to San Joseph of "Cupertino" and the spelling of the name by Father Pedro Font.

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It would seem that our City's appellation of "Cupertino" follows the original name given to the area now named "Copertino" in Italy-- the words are synonymous, however, both names, so distinctive, are fittingly applied to their respective localities and well qualify for the appellation of sister cities.

FOOT NOTE:

Expressions and words in () are introduced by the writer of this Study for explanatory purposes.

Cupertino, California
May 15, 1963

Louis Stocklmeir
LOUIS STOCKLMEIR

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CUPERTINO COURIER, WEDNESDAY, JUNE 26, 1968



City Historian Louis Stocklmeir pauses outside the entrance to the school named in his honor during a recently unscheduled visit to the school.

Official dedication of the Stocklmeir School is scheduled for the fall.



Following his talk at the assembly, Stocklmeir patiently gave his autograph to the throng of youngsters who are Stocklmeir School's first students.

— Photos by Rita Rowe

De Anza Historical Landmarker Unveiled

A crowd composed mostly of elementary school pupils gathered on a beautiful morning last Wednesday for the unveiling of Cupertino's first state historical landmark.

The young pupils mingled with city, county and state officials and dignitaries and several members of the Cupertino Historical Society, Inc., in the ceremony held at the landmark site located in a grove of trees in the Monta Vista High School park parking lot. The high school is presently under construction.

The historical landmark commemorates the encampment here in 1776 of the expedition led by Col. Juan Bautista De Anza on its way to San Francisco from the Presidio of Tubac (now Arizona).

The landmark is the California Registered Historical Landmark No. 800. The plaque was installed on a 20,500 pound boulder selected by the historical society from the Antone Voss quarry nearby. The Voss family donated the boulder and the equipment to haul it from their quarry to the landmark site.

A surprise highlight of the ceremony was the presentation to George Fernandez, president of the historical society who served as master of ceremonies at the unveiling, a Senate Resolution citing his many contributions to the community.

City Historian Louis Stocklmeir, who with the late A. Peter Emig spearheaded the drive to establish the authenticity of the encampment, gave a brief sketch of De Anza's trek which led to the Cupertino area.

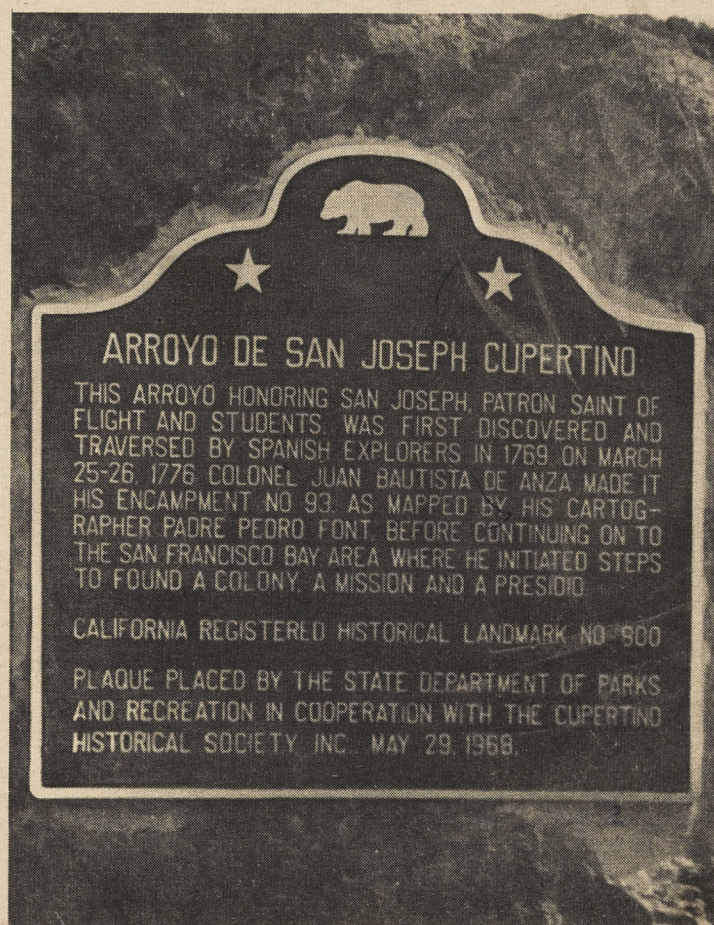
Stocklmeir explained how De Anza arrived here on March 25, 1766 and camped overnight at the estimated area where the

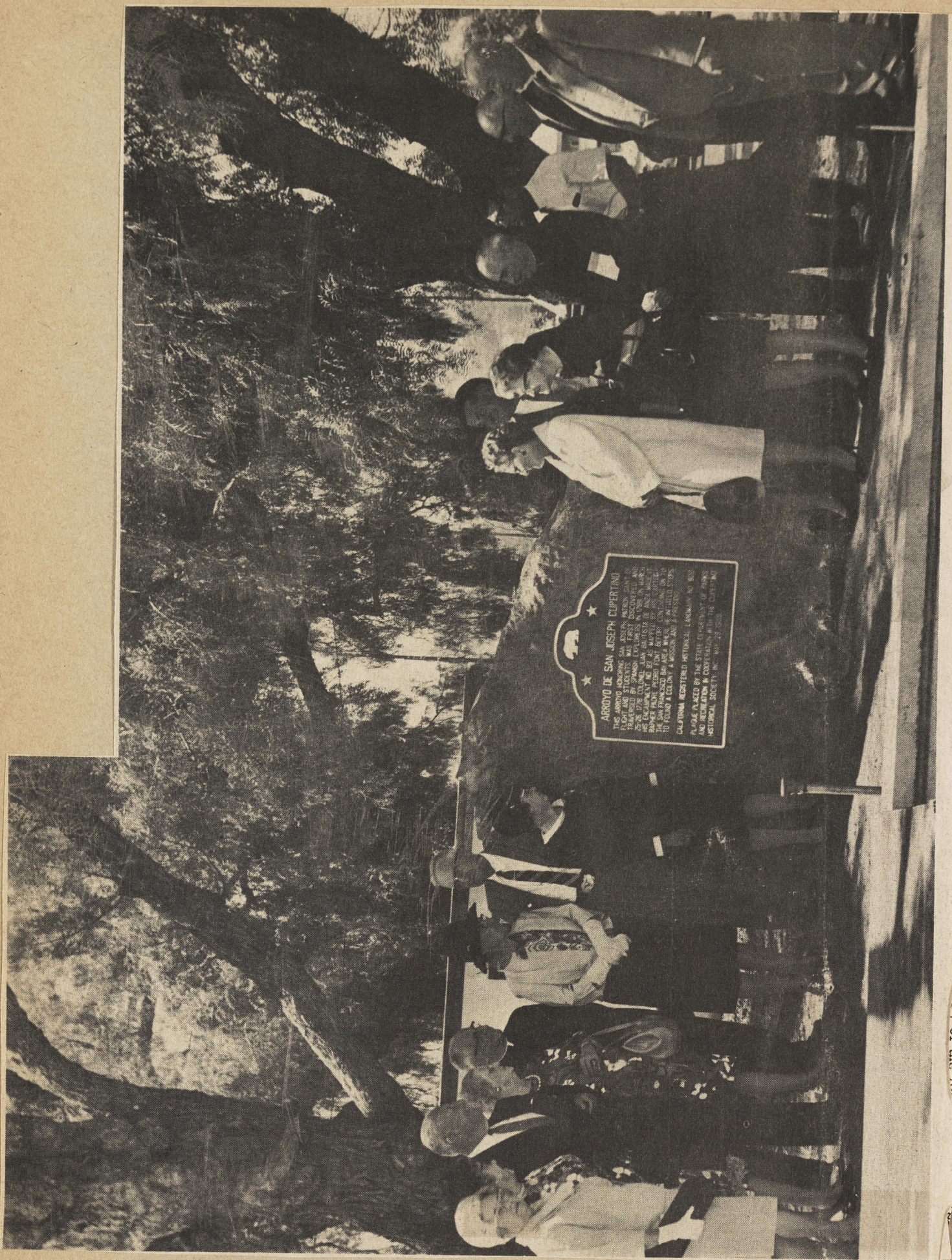
landmark was placed. He repeated the well known story of the placing by De Anza's men of a marker that they placed at all of their camp-sites. The Cupertino marker was camp-site 93. This marker was found in this area after the earthquake of 1906, only to be lost again the same year.

Stocklmeir said that there are differences of opinions as to

where De Anza camped. But, he said, the Cupertino site can be measured in meets and bounds from the map made by Father Font during the De Anza expedition. Thus, the Cupertino camp-site can be proven mathematically, said Stocklmeir.

A moment of silence was held in memory of Emig and R. Ivan Meyerholz at the start of the ceremony.





Admiring the just-unveiled state historical landmarker are (left to right) Mrs. Richard Williams, Miss Alys Williams, Charles Baer, Mrs. Ethyle Baer, Father Arthur Spearman, Mrs. Vince Garrod,

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Emphasizes Team Teaching

Newest School Honors City H

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Stockmeir, located next to Ortega Junior High School on Dunholm Way, Sunnyvale, was built to relieve both Panama and Portal schools of heavy student loads they have taken on due to rapid residential growth in the area.

SERVICE AREA

The school, designed to handle 450 students, takes in the area east of Saratoga - Sunnyvale Road to Carlisle Avenue and from the Junipero Serra Freeway north to Fremont Avenue.

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rooms, two kindergartens, a library, a multi-use room and two rooms for educationally handicapped children. Also taught at Stockmeir is the program for visually impaired children, which was moved from Stichter School, its location for the past five years.

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The staff at Stocklmeir, under the supervision of Dr. Ron La Mar, principal, has been developing a team approach to teaching, with two teams of six teachers and 180 children each. At the primary level, two teachers work cooperatively with the nearly 60 first year children in

a self-contained program. Children in second and third year are performance groups for reading and for mathematics. All primary children attend school on a staggered day, thus providing small groups for reading instruction.

At the intermediate level, students are performance grouped for the reading-language arts and mathematics programs.

A major focus of this team teaching is to help each child to realistically plan his own work, and to evaluate his success. Involving the student in planning his own work increases his desire to achieve, the teachers noted.



HISTORICAL SOCIETY — Newly elected officers of the Cupertino Historical Society, Inc., meet with Al Spiers (right, seated) to prepare for the Oct. 28 annual city parade held in conjunction with Pioneer Day at Cupertino High School. Entry blanks for the parade may be obtained from the Cupertino Chamber of Commerce. George Fernandez, principal of Cupertino High School, was elected president

of the historical society at its first meeting of the new season on Sept. 27. He succeeds Louis Stocklmeir. Historical society members shown here are (seated, left to right) Mrs. Catherine Gasich; Fernandez; Mrs. James Bestul, recording secretary; (standing, left to right) Sam Lawson; Robert Will, vice-president; Stocklmeir, and A. C. Anderson, treasurer.

Cupertino Courier

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Before the Parade, A Dinner Honoring Cupertino Pioneers

An estimated 75 guests filled the Chez Marcelle restaurant last Friday night for the Pioneers of Cupertino Area, Pioneer Eve Dinner.

R. Vince Garrod, historian for the Saratoga Historical Foundation, was the guest speaker for the dinner held the night before the annual Pioneer Parade. He reminisced about the Saratoga and Cupertino area of yesterday.

Father Arthur D. Spearman, S.J., historian for both the University of Santa Clara and City of Santa Clara, gave the benediction.

Another guest speaker was Dr. A. Robert Anderson, minister of the Union Church of Cupertino.

Robert Will was the program chairman of the dinner program sponsored by the Cupertino Historical Society, Inc.



Mrs. Tena Miner added her footnote to the historical talks about Cupertino at Friday night's dinner by pointing out that her family — the Bubb family — was the oldest family still living in Cupertino. Enjoying her

comment are Mrs. Virginia Montgomery (left), Mrs. Carl Schoppe (right), Robert Will (in the background, left) and Mrs. R. Ivan Meyerholz (in the background, right).



The following pioneers, who settled in the Cupertino area prior to 1930, were honored at Saturday's Pioneer Day Parade:

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Adamo, Hon. Bruce Allen, Glenn C. Allen, Mr. and Mrs. A. Chris Anderson, Mrs. Hermina Aronson, Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Aylesworth, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Baer, Mr. and Mrs. George A. Baer, Mrs. Anna Baumgartner, Mrs. Albert Beale, Carl Becker, Miss Emma Becker, Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Beckstrom, Mr. and Mrs. Peter Bianchi, Mr. and Mrs. Kingdon Blabon, Mrs. Lillian Blabon, Miss Sarah Blake, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Bocks, Mr. and Mrs. Lester Bocks, Mrs. Edith Bollinger, Mr. and Mrs. J. Brittain, Mr. and Mrs. Irvine Broz, W. B. Calvert, Mr. and Mrs. Carlton Carson, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Carter, Mr. and Mrs. Ira Carter, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Carter, Mrs. Jeanette Christensen, Mr. and Mrs. Allen J. Close, Mr. and Mrs. William J. Close, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Connell, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Coykendall, Mr. and Mrs. Glen Cox, Mrs. Eleanor Dale, Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Dean, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Desmond, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Dixon, Mrs. Shelby Grove Donovan, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Drake, Carol Dunbar, Miss Florence Dunbar, Lester Dunbar, Mr. and Mrs. Dwight Durkee, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Dutton, Mr. and Mrs. David Everett, Mrs. Elizabeth Snyder Forbes, Miss Hazel Freeman, Mr. and Mrs. Otis F. Forge, Mrs. Elvira Gagliasso, John Gagliasso, Mr. and Mrs. R. Vince Garrod, Mr. and Mrs. George Glendenning, Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Gilmeister, Mrs. Lila M. Hachen, Mr. and Mrs. Adolph Hansen, Mrs. Laura M. Hansen, Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Henderson, Miss Grace Heney, Miss Lucy Heney, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Howard, Miss Estell Holsholt, Mrs. Harold Jepson, Mrs. Amy Johnson, Ed Johnson, Lyman W. Johnson, Miss Fanny Jollyman,



Mayor Jerry Fitzgerald (left photo) conducts a little discussion with R. Vince Garrod, guest speaker, while Mrs. Fitzgerald, Mrs. Garrod and George Fernandez, president of the Cupertino Historical Society, Inc., look on.

C. F. McCarthy and Mrs. Mable Noonan (above) check their memories on the names and dates of a couple of Cupertino pioneers mentioned by Garrod during his talk.

— Photos by Rita Rowe

H. H. Jones, Earl Kendall, Miss Martha Kendall, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Kendall, Mrs. Alfred T. King, Miss Freda Lannis, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Larsen, Burrel Leonard, Mr. and Mrs. John Leonard, Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Lester, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Irving K. Marcotte, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Mariani, Mrs. Frances Martin, Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Martin, Mr. and Mrs. Martin Mathiesen, Mr. and Mrs. William B. Melone, Mrs. R. Ivan Meyerholz, Mrs. Kenneth R. Miner, Dr. and Mrs. Frank Missner, Mrs. Virginia Montgomery, Mrs. Robert Moore, Mr. and Mrs. Robert McArthur, Mr. and Mrs. Cornelius F. McCarthy, Mrs. A. B. McKinne, Mr. and Mrs. Norman Nathanson, Mr. and Mrs. Charles A. Nelson, Mrs. David Noonan, Mr. and Mrs. Cuyler North, Mrs. Cora Older, Albert Olsen, Mrs. Frances Parish, Mrs. Claude Jones Parrish, Mrs. Anita Pichetti, Mr. and Mrs. Elio V. Pichetti, Mrs. Josephine Pichetti, Mrs. Ora Pickings, Mr. and Mrs. Angelo Quinterno, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Quinterno, Ralph Rambo, Mrs. May Regan, Mrs. Anna Regnart, Douglas Regnart, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Regnart, Jr., Miss Marjorie Jo. Regnart, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Rich, Saich, Mr. and Mrs. John Saich, Mrs. Carl E. Schoppe, Mrs. Oliver D. Scott, Mrs. Mae E. Simmons, Mrs. James E. Somerville, Fr. Arthur D. Spearman, S.J., Mrs. Julia Louise Stanberry, Mr. and Mrs. Donald Stelling, Miss Barbara Stichter, Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Stockmier, Mr. and Mrs. Louis Stockmeir, Mr. Clover Sutherland, Mr. and Mrs. George Voss, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Voss, Miss Rose Voss, Mrs. Kate Wagnitz, Mr. and Mrs. D. E. Webster, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Will, Mr. and Mrs. Henry L. Willey, Miss Alys Jane Williams, Miss Helen Williams, Mr. and Mrs. Warner Wilson and Mrs. Pauline Woodruff.

Cupertino Class of '25 Holds Reunion

Seven Gather to Talk About Yesterday

Cupertino Grammar School's Class of 1925 held a reunion March 16 at the Blackberry Farm restaurant.

Attending (left photo) were seven members of the class, (seated, left to right) Miriam Calvert Stelling, Mathilda Mariani Sousa, Marjorie Craft Glasgow, Anne Lopin Zarko, (standing, left) Dominic Cirincione, (center) Martin Mathiesen and Phil Bagar.

They're reminiscing over their class picture (shown below). At the left in the picture is Principal D. J. Sedgwick. The students are (left to right, top row) Edgar Johnson, Lloyd Conover, Felix Maridon, Arthur Lothrop, Dominic Cirincione, Martin Mathiesen, Felice (Phil) Bagar, Masa Kishimoto, Grattan Hardiman, Steve Caria, Mikal Perusina, teacher Miss C. M. Proctor, (center row, left to right), Jack Borcich, Edna Jessop, Marjorie Craft, Adelaide Amaral, Mary Bettencourt, Annie Lopin, Dorothy Hayes, Mary A. V. Lobxvoich, Mildred Lyman, Virginia Horton, Adele Melone, Ruth Montgomery, (front row, left to right) Sadie Wilson, Gladys Messemmer, Miriam Calvert, Lillian L. Ashadino, Mathilda Mariani, Paulline Musladin, Georgia Wilhite, Dorothy Keller and Eva Regnart.



WUPERTIND - Portal home

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PORTAL FAMILY HOME

Battered Old House Was Once The Pride Of Stevens Creek Rd.



STRAWBERRIES FOR LAWN—Where J.B.J. Portal's well kept grounds and shade trees once stood rows of strawberries now grow. At top of tower is weather-vane which still bears large letter "P." Structure at right is last of extensive Portal barns. Front yard is nearly a jungle of overgrown trees and plants.

(OVER)

Cupertino - Portal home

"Portal family Home"



SUMMER HOUSE—Ladies of Portal family once dispensed family hospitality on hot, dusty summer days from this lattice summer house beside their home. Now little structure is overgrown with weeds and neglected shrubs.



FORGOTTEN GRANDEUR — Portal Home, once most fashionable house in Cupertino, stands almost forgotten beside Stevens Creek boulevard today. In

1880s and 1890s it was center of 400 or 500-acre vineyards and winery. Tower commands view of entire Cupertino area.

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Cupertino portal
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"Portal Family Home"

By DICK COX
Mercury Staff Writer

CUPERTINO — A home that was once the showplace of Stevens Creek road has become a lonely, weatherbeaten relic which towers three stories above surrounding berry patches, orchards and modern homes.

The house, stripped of its once well kept grounds and spacious tree-lined driveway, stands stark and battered at Stevens Creek boulevard and Portal avenue.

In its day, 60 or 70 years ago, it was the home of the prosperous Portal family, wealthy Cupertino landowners and winemakers. The family produced the late Realtor Clem X. Portal and his son, DeWitt (Dee) Portal, San Jose State's famed boxing coach who died in 1953.

At the peak of the house's fame it was the center of a 400 to 500-acre farm largely devoted to wine grapes. The property possessed something that was the height of efficiency for the day, a large steam engine to pump water from the well.

A system of underground metal irrigation pipes carried water to the fields.

Huge horse, cattle and hay barns were located behind the house. There was a complete blacksmith shop with a brawny smith who operated a large leather bellows.

These things are remembered vividly by John R. Doig, of 18516 Skyline Blvd., Los Gatos. His uncle, William F. Doig, purchased the property in 1910 from the Portals and John Doig spent his boyhood summers at the farm, rambling through the barns and grounds.

Doig once found in the barns the framework of a glider, indicating that someone in the family apparently had experimented with aviation.

The winery building had a full sized basement where the wine vats rested.

One story about the old home concerns the tower at the front of the house and the small porch or terrace on top of the second floor roof. The early owners of the house spent much time on the rooftop in warm weather. During the harvest season the head of the family, J. B. J. Portal, is supposed to have used the tower to watch his harvest hands with the aid of a pair of field glasses. If he saw a worker dozing in the shade of a grapevine the owner would call the foreman and have the man fired, according to the story. But the workers never knew how the "boss" could keep such a close eye on them.

The older Portal was the grandfather of Dee Portal. Mrs. Helen Portal, widow of the grandson, explained recently that "J.B.J." as he

was known to his acquaintances, was a native of France. He brought the vines for his vineyard from his homeland to Cupertino.

When Mrs. Portal and her husband married they were given a bottle of Portal wine which was dated 1886.

After the Doigs took possession they began to replace the vines with prune and cherry trees. William Doig transferred the property in 1939 to his nephew, John, an instructor at the Montezuma School for Boys. He in turn sold it to Rancher Michael Caputo in 1944.

The house interiors were remodeled by Caputo and his wife, who lived there for several years. In 1955 they sold it to the present owner, George Yamaoka of Sunnyvale. Most of the orchard was cleared away for strawberries. Eventually the house probably will be razed to make room for subdivisions.

Mrs. Caputo saved some of the old pictures with their antique frames which had hung in the Portal parlors and part of the furnishings.

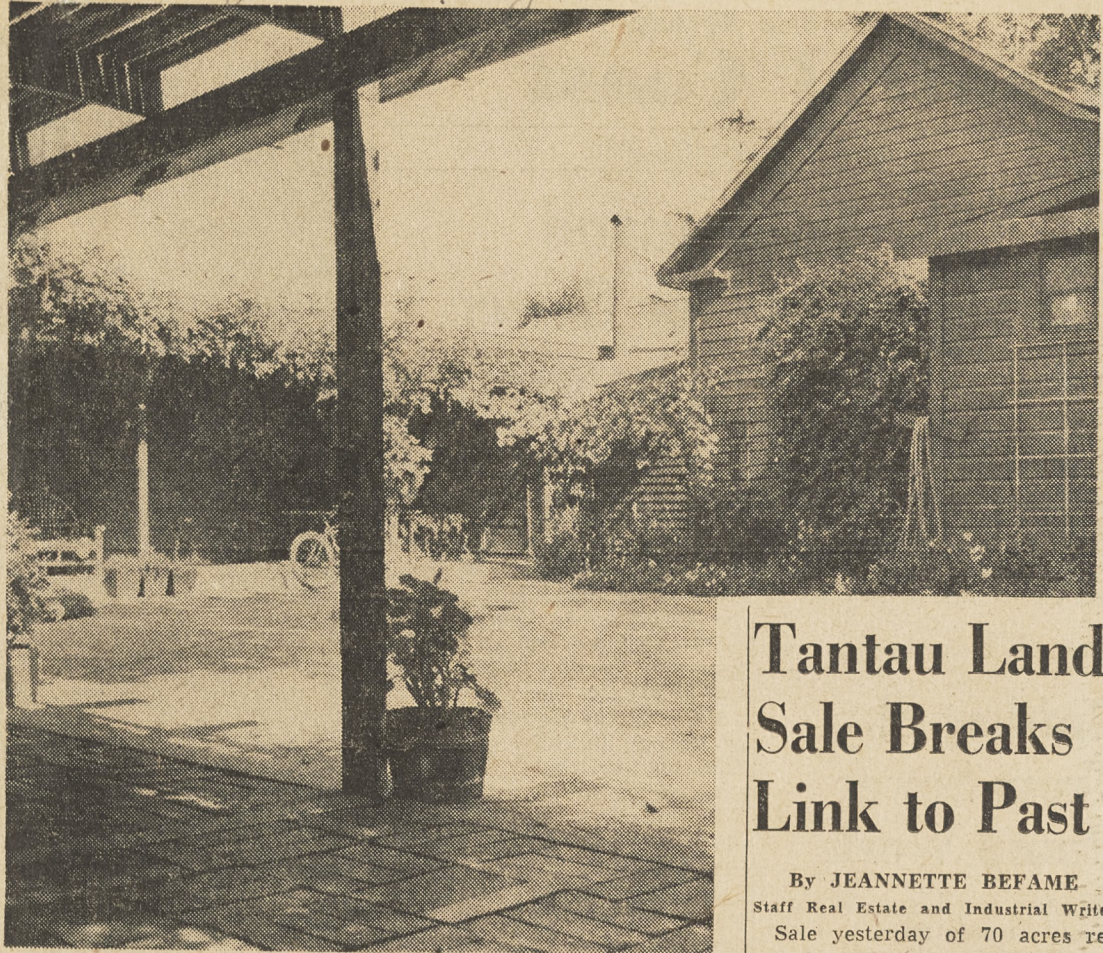
Today the house is filled with the cots and mattresses of field workers. Only one modern touch, a television set, has been added.

In the front yard four of "J.B.J.'s" olive trees remain to keep his house company in its declining years.

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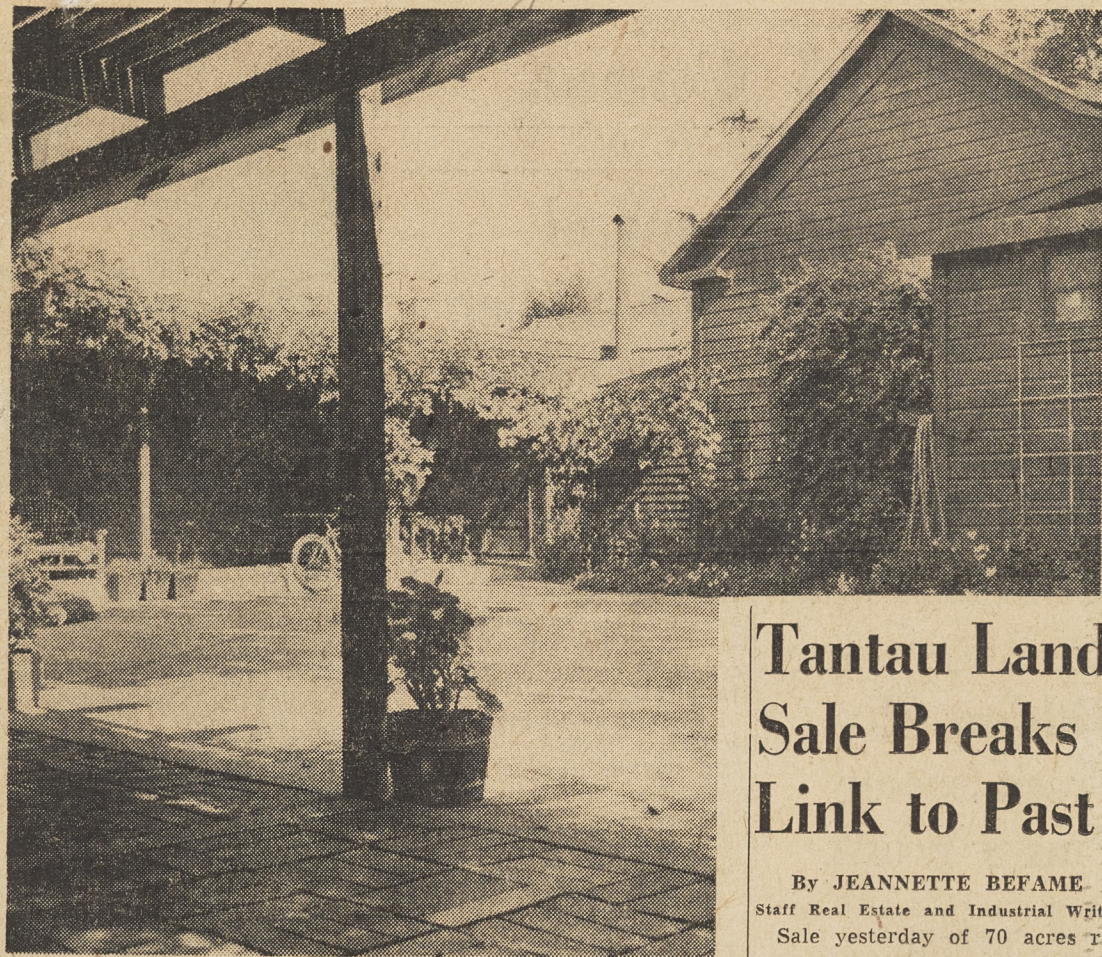


WATSONVILLE—Frank Mezes, executive officer of the Watsonville-Salinas-Hollister district, CIO Industrial Union Local 78, said Wednesday he had been ousted from his position by an action of the union executive board in session at Salinas. But, he said, he would fight the dismissal and take the question to the membership. Mezes claimed Union President Jim Smith had led the move against him with a series of "vague charges." He claimed the executive board's action was contrary to the union constitution and by-laws.

Union Official To Fight Ouster

Duane, Mary, El Camino Real, and the intersection of Hollenbeck, El Camino Real and Pastoria.

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The Tantau house is to be torn down. With it will fall another visible link to the San Jose area's colorful past. Rising on the landmark will be a symbol of the healthy growth of the community—a modern house—a wedge of progress.

Property on which five generations of the late Mathew Tantau's family have been reared the past 100 years, was sold at a price indicated by Valley Title Co. records as \$2672 an acre. A century ago, Tantau paid \$20 an acre for it.

Stern & Price, Palo Alto subdividers, bought the land for part of their 2000 home Rancho Rinconada—a \$20,000,000 investment adjoining the Tantau home. Seller was Hart Tantau, a vice-president of Crocker First National Bank, San Francisco, great grandson of Mathew Tantau.

Mathew Tantau was born in North Germany in 1815. As a sea-faring youth, he came to America. In New Orleans he met Fred Theuerkauf and together they took the Isthmus Route to Santa Clara Valley in 1852.

They bought 200 acres on Stevens Creek Road from Soledad de Arguello and pursued farming on the Spanish land grant.

In the meantime, the 200 acres grew to 500 acres and Tantau had married Theuerkauf's daughter, Katherine. They had two sons, George and Fred.

In 1862 the partnership between Theuerkauf and Tantau was dissolved and Tantau divided the property between his two sons. Fred Tantau got the home built in 1858.

George Tantau took over the help's quarters built in 1870 and began to enlarge it for his home. It is that house that now stands on the orchard land. The house built in 1858 was burned many years ago.

The Hart Tantau family occupies the dwelling. Like the Tantaus before him, Hart Tantau added rooms and changed a few of the physical features. Today, the structure has four bedrooms and seven roof levels—the tell-tale marks of the expansion programs. Highest roof level is the original two-room area.

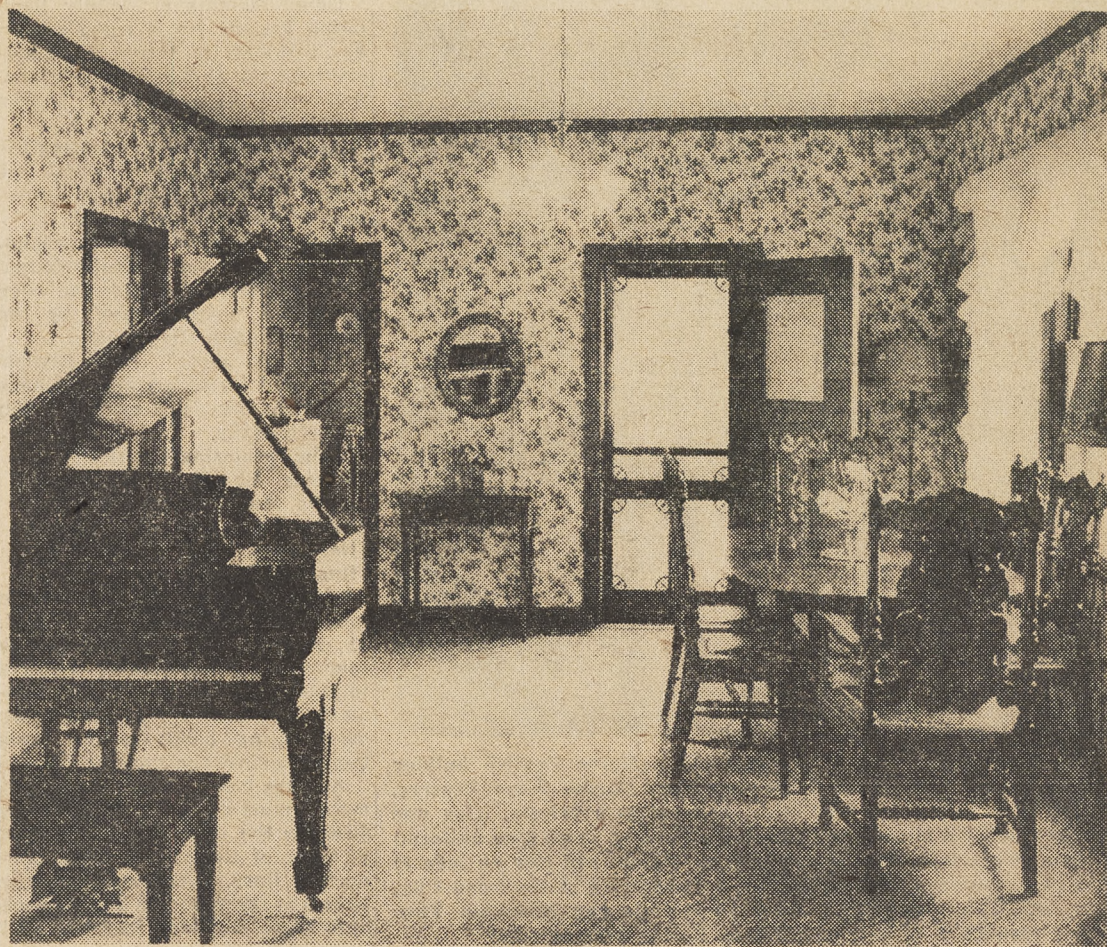
Furnishings in the dwellings for the most part are pieces belonging to Mrs. Tantau's family. She is also of Santa Clara Valley pioneer ancestry. Her grandparents were the Charles Copeland Morses (seed family) and the James P. Pierces, lumber tycoons.



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HISTORY VS. PROGRESS—
Sale of Hart Tantau Ranch, Cupertino, for subdivision marks end of ranch that has been in family for more than century.

Top, left, photo shows interior of one of original rooms in home built 82 years ago. It served then as foreman's cottage. Top, right, is view of highest roof line of

seven-room home. It is original two-room structure which has had additions in each generation. Lower, right, shows swing present Tantaus played in as children.

A Glance at Yesterday



The Craft Ranch in 1905

Landmarks Art Show Opens Saturday at Craft Ranch

By PAT LOWE

One of the last of the large producing orchards in Cupertino will be the setting for the 1967 Historical Landmarks Art Exhibit which will open to the public Saturday at 1 p.m.

The Craft Properties Barn at 19301 Stevens Creek Blvd. (between Tantau and Miller avenues), will contain the free exhibit co-sponsored by the Fine Arts League and the Historical Society of Cupertino. The show will be open daily from 1 to 5, and 7 to 8:30 p.m. through Nov. 19.

Along with the juried paintings of Santa Clara County Landmarks, the Historical Society will display old photos loaned by interested persons. This exhibit will also include pictures of the Craft home in its early days as well as some furnishings and turn-of-the-century costumes.

Members of the Fine Arts League of Cupertino, Cupertino Historical Society and Soroptimist Club of Sunnyvale-Cupertino will be present to answer any questions pertaining to the Landmarks Exhibit.

The Craft Barn, or properly speaking, dehydration shed, has been the scene of many a Cupertino Lions Club dance, but this is a first for an art show and most appropriate for a landmarks exhibit, as the land itself is historic.

According to City Historian Louis Stocklmeir, the property, consisting of 119 acres on the north side of Stevens Creek Boule-

vard and divided by Calabazas Creek, was acquired in 1858 by Benjamin Craft, who was attracted to California from New York by gold mining operations in the Sierras. His brother, Lewis, had previously settled into farming in the San Diego area. They were two of eight children in the Craft family.

In 1863 Benjamin added another 100 acres on the south side of Cupertino Road (as Stevens Creek was then known) extending from Miller Avenue to Blaney Road, which was purchased from Dr. Otis Blabon, a pioneer of the westside district. Dr. Blabon was the great-grandfather of Mrs. Ethyle Baer, presently a resident of Cupertino and civic leader.

Benjamin's son, William, and his wife, Ellen, settled in his father's home among the oaks of "Llano de los Robles" and enlarged it over the years. Vandalism and fire have all but nearly destroyed the handsome main house, most of which is over 100 years old.

William and Ellen planted the then grain fields to orchards and since then the ranch has been producing prunes, walnuts, cherries and apricots.

They saw the first Santa Clara County concrete highway (Stevens Creek) to be constructed outside a city built in front of their home in 1917. Electric cars paralleled this highway to Cupertino until 1933.

Stocklmeir notes that along the banks of the creek through the Craft and other adjoining properties, there once was a large Indian Rancheria.

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Interesting works of art that help preserve a record of the historical heritage of Santa Clara Valley may be viewed at the Craft Properties Barn on Stevens Creek Boulevard near Tantau Avenue. The exhibit is the 1967 Historical Landmarks Art Exhibit, which closes Sunday. One of the attractions of this year's show is a painting of "The Cupertino Store" which once stood at the northeast corner of Stevens Creek Boulevard and Saratoga-Sunnyvale Road. Esther Dolby is shown here holding her painting, which won first prize in the exhibit's Mixed Media Awards. The scene of the way Cupertino looked around the turn of the century is painted on a piece of wood estimated to be over 100 years old. Perhaps the most unusual entry is shown in the top, left photo, being examined by Mrs. Herbert Aronsen. Teenager Helen Davis, with the patience of an artist, created this toothpick "sculpture" of the Winchester House. For more views of the exhibit, turn to page 8.

—Photos by Rita Rowe

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Yesteryears Captured



Looking like the Barber Shop Quartet Minus One are (left to right) Clyde Lowe, John Runcie and James Marley. They manned the champagne fountain to keep the bubbly juice flowing to the estimated 200 people who attended the champagne reception Friday night to officially open the 1967 Historical Landmarks Art Exhibit in the Craft Properties Barn on Stevens Creek Boulevard.



- Photos by Rita Rowe



Jean Sorensen (above), who won first and second prize in the Watercolor Awards Division, stands beside her painting of "The Daniel Southerland Residence." Left, Charles Spiller studies Jane Hofstetter's painting of the "Portal Mansion." It was one of 61 entries in the exhibit.



Jack Wilson (left) and City Historian Louis Stockmeir reminisce about the old station and motel located in Los Gatos that served the narrow gage train which ran from LG to Santa Cruz. Wilson's painting of the station and Los Gatos Hotel, titled, "Train from Santa Cruz," won the \$100 grand award at the landmarks exhibit. It can be seen with the other painting daily from 1 to 5 and 7 to 8:30 p. m. through Sunday.



Brenda and Gregory Kusler (right), students at Strichter School, take a close look at Philip Kinzli's "Dusk at El Palo Alto," first prize winner in the oil awards division.



Mr. and Mrs. William H. Craft, II, try-out the furniture of their ancestors. Furniture from the original Craft home is being displayed at the art exhibit.



Mr. and Mrs. Louis Paviso of Monta Vista cast their vote for their favorite painting at Friday night's champagne reception. Early day photographs of the Paviso family were included in the photo exhibit phase of the showing.



Members of Fine Arts League of Cupertino, co-sponsors of the exhibit with the Cupertino Historical Society, are happy with the success of the show. They are (left to right) Mrs. Dorothy Kusler, FAL president; Mrs. Margaret R. Sordal, in charge of finance

with Mrs. Pollyann Markley; Mrs. Patricia Lowe, publicity and decor, and Richard A. Jones, in charge of judges. They are standing in an area of the exhibit set aside to honor the league's founder, A. Peter Emig.

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By JON ROSE

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ing—as it has been in the past, Storm predicts there will be a city-owned library and a city-operated police force within the

next 10 years. Duke predicts industry will grow with the pace of the aerospace age.

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Crime Debut Flops



A 12-year-old Cupertino youth didn't quite "make it" in his debut role as a master thief, but he did manage to get into Juvenile Hall on Monday.

The boy was charged by sheriff's deputies of stealing \$175 from Arleine E. Lesley of 10218 Judy Ave., Cupertino.

Thanks to the woman's gardener, Eligio M. Mariano, of Hollister, the youth was caught and \$125 of the money recovered.

THE STORY

According to Mrs. Lesley, she had cashed a \$170 government check that morning, spent about \$30 of the money and returned home. She said that at noon she took a nap until about 2:45 p.m. and noticed that her purse, which was next to her bed, was gone.

In the meantime, Mariano had taken off in his car and caught up with the young burglar at Sunshine Super market in the Loree Shopping Center on Stevens Creek Boulevard.

He called the police and while

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A Pictorial Tour of the Hillside Park



City Manager Philip Storm leads city councilmen and a park architect consultant up the access path from Linda Vista Drive to the eight-acre hillside parcel Cupertino is seriously considering purchasing for a park site. The city officials toured the site Saturday morning.

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PART I

This is the first of a series of articles on the community west of Cupertino known as Monta Vista. City Historian Louis Stocklmeir has written the first part of the series, an in-depth report on the history of Monta Vista.

The cover is a sketch by Courier Art Director Bruce Keith of what is considered today's major entrance way to downtown Monta Vista.

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raising requirements of the sparsely populated West Valley area. Until 1873 it ended at what is now the unincorporated town of Monta Vista. During the 1880-1890 period viticulture became predominant, followed by a period, 1890 to 1920, of mixed agricultural, horticultural and viticultural activities.

We cannot disassociate Monta Vista, however, from the early 1850 period, for its preceding historical background is bound into the activities of three prominent pioneers or their descendants of long residential permanency in the area and to a sequence of coincidental happenings.

THESE PIONEERS WERE Nathan J. Hall, Samuel R. Williams and John T. Doyle.

Nathan J. Hall was born in New York and came to California and Santa Clara County in 1852, arriving here from Illinois by means of a wagon drawn by two mules. In 1854 he homesteaded and bought out squatter-rights of slightly more than one-quarter section of land bounded generally by what is now Lowe Avenue, Stevens Creek, Stevens Creek Boulevard and northerly thereof to a distance of one-half mile. Contrary to some historical writings, his property east of Stevens Creek was never a part of the San Antonio Rancho.

Samuel R. Williams, born in Canada, first came to California in 1855, but returned after a few years to his native Canada.

IN THE YEAR OF 1866 he again returned to California. Settling in the Cupertino area in the year of 1870, he acquired in excess of 100 acres of level farming land comprising a number of individual parcels.

It is interesting to note that Samuel R. Williams procured his first parcel of property by entering into an agreement with a William H. Hall, no relation to Nathan J. Hall, who owned a hundred acres of uncleared land on the south side of Cu-

pertino Road (now Stevens Creek Boulevard) between what later became Byrne Avenue and the Southern Pacific Railroad tracks. Hall gave to Williams the easterly 50 acres of his property in return for clearing his 100 acres of land and for planting and bringing to maturity on the entire parcel productive grape-bearing vines.

William Hall lived in San Jose and founded the Town of Lexington (now inundated by Lexington Dam) on the Los Gatos Creek about two miles south of the town of Los Gatos. He named this town after the town of Lexington, N. Y., where he was born.

JOHN T. DOYLE, AN EMINENT San Francisco lawyer, came into the Cupertino area in 1880, acquiring in excess of 321 acres of rolling hill and level land. John T. Doyle's historical background is of

interest in that among his avocations he also was a historian, a horticulturist, a viticulturist and chief counsel for the Archdiocese of San Francisco during the era of his Grace Archbishop Riordan. He is noted in American jurisprudence for his successful international legal proceedings against the government of Mexico for the Church's reimbursement for loss of Catholic properties prior to 1846 during the several changing Spanish and Mexican regimes.

It was during his ownership of the Cupertino Creek (Stevens Creek) properties that there was established on it the first Cupertino Post Office, circa 1880-1882.

The first winery (still standing) on his property was known as the "Cupertino Winery." Its products were world-renowned, being selected by the United States Viticultural Commission in 1900 as representative of the best wines of the United States of America to be entered in the Paris Exposition.

HE BESTOWED UPON his building site the name of "Cupertino." This name was derived from the original name given to the arroyo almost 200 years ago, ie. "Arroyo de San Joseph Cupertino." John T. Doyle knew his early California history very well for he had written a volume or so on it.

At this site in 1906 was found the famous De Anza Plaque.

West Side Post Office at the intersection of Stevens Creek Boulevard and Saratoga-Sunnyvale Road was officially given the name "Cupertino Post Office" in the year of 1900 by the United States Post Office Department.

The large land holdings of these three early pioneers had a common relationship in that their properties were relatively contiguous to each other.

(Next Week: A town starts to grow.)

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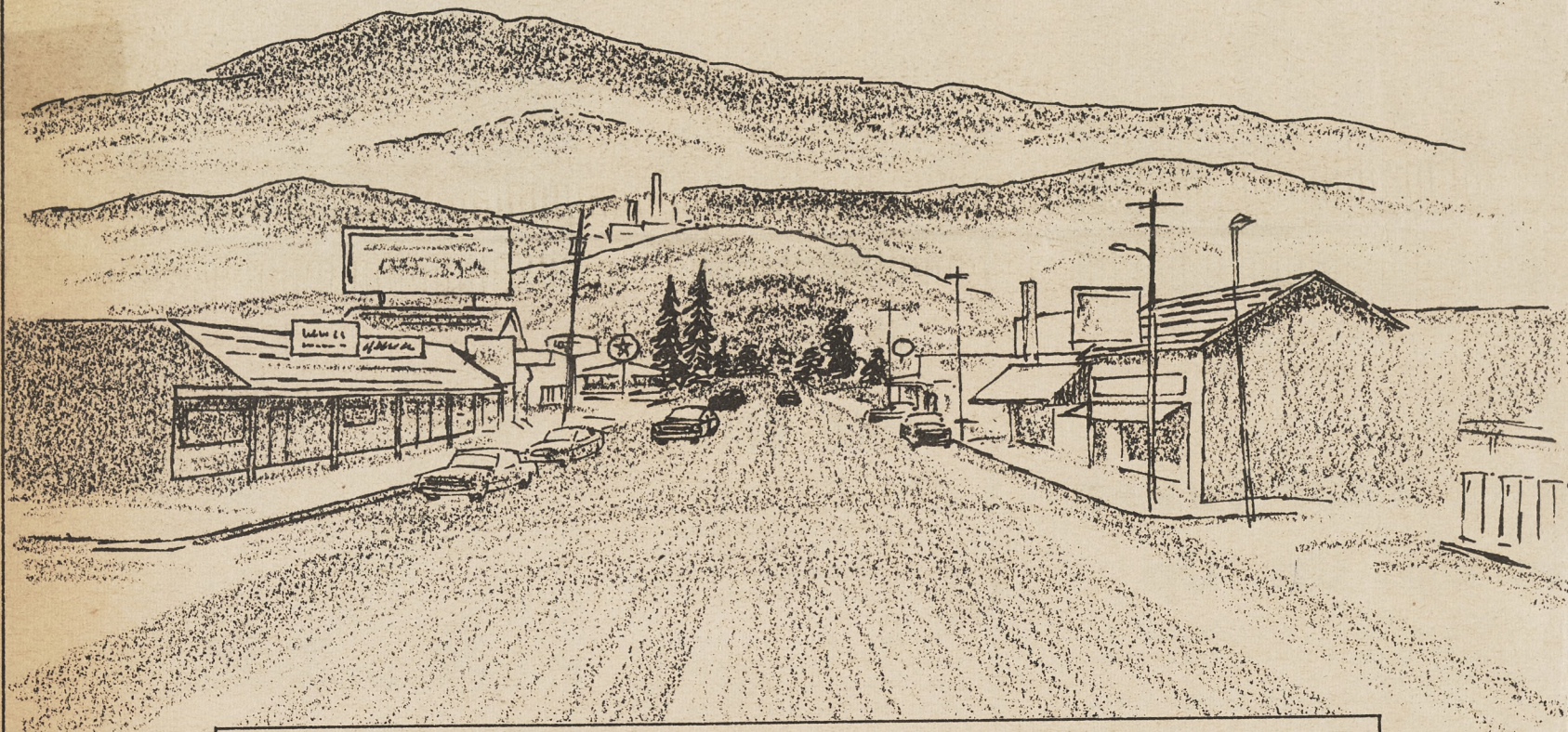
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The Monta Vista Story



By LOUIS STOCKLMEIR
City Historian

THE MEMORY AND ILL EFFECTS of Central Coastal California's great earthquake had hardly been laid to rest by the inhabitants who experienced it when the Southern Pacific Railroad Co. decided that a cross-country line linking its main tracts at Mayfield, Calif., with its broad-gauge and narrow-gauge facilities at Los Gatos, Calif., was a necessity.

This line, constructed during the year of 1906, was the proximate cause which finally determined the full development of the rural unincorporated town area now known as Monta Vista.

"Monta," a word lacking significance when used with "Vista" or shall we say possibly a slip of the pen, can be found as a word in any Spanish dictionary. The originator of its use, however, treaded heav-

ily on semantics. "Vista," too, is definitely a word of the Spanish language for view, sight, landscape, etc. Although mis-mated, the appellation given to the railroad cross-road stop has never been changed to what it no doubt was to be its correct name, "Monte Vista" — the latter literally translated Mountain View, View of the Mountains, etc., etc.

PRIOR TO THE ADVENT of the railroad into the area, Stevens Creek Road, alias Stephens Creek Road, alias Cupertino Road, alias Meridian Road, was the principal arterial from the western side of Santa Clara Valley to the town of San Jose, established as one of two California Pueblos by the Cortes of Spain in 1777.

In the very early days of the 1850-1880 period it served first as a trail, then as a road for the agricultural and stock-

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PART I

This is the first of a series of articles on the community west of Cupertino known as Monta Vista. City Historian Louis Stocklmeir has written the first part of the series, an in-depth report on the history of Monta Vista.

The cover is a sketch by Courier Art Director Bruce Keith of what is considered today's major entrance way to downtown Monta Vista.

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raising requirements of the sparsely populated West Valley area. Until 1873 it ended at what is now the unincorporated town of Monta Vista. During the 1880-1890 period viticulture became predominant, followed by a period, 1890 to 1920, of mixed agricultural, horticultural and viticultural activities.

We cannot disassociate Monta Vista, however, from the early 1850 period, for its preceding historical background is bound into the activities of three prominent pioneers or their descendants of long residential permanency in the area and to a sequence of coincidental happenings.

THESE PIONEERS WERE Nathan J. Hall, Samuel R. Williams and John T. Doyle.

Nathan J. Hall was born in New York and came to California and Santa Clara County in 1852, arriving here from Illinois by means of a wagon drawn by two mules. In 1854 he homesteaded and bought out squatter-rights of slightly more than one-quarter section of land bounded generally by what is now Lowe Avenue, Stevens Creek, Stevens Creek Boulevard and northerly thereof to a distance of one-half mile. Contrary to some historical writings, his property east of Stevens Creek was never a part of the San Antonio Rancho.

Samuel R. Williams, born in Canada, first came to California in 1855, but returned after a few years to his native Canada.

IN THE YEAR OF 1866 he again returned to California. Settling in the Cupertino area in the year of 1870, he acquired in excess of 100 acres of level farming land comprising a number of individual parcels.

It is interesting to note that Samuel R. Williams procured his first parcel of property by entering into an agreement with a William H. Hall, no relation to Nathan J. Hall, who owned a hundred acres of uncleared land on the south side of Cu-

pertino Road (now Stevens Creek Boulevard) between what later became Byrne Avenue and the Southern Pacific Railroad tracks. Hall gave to Williams the easterly 50 acres of his property in return for clearing his 100 acres of land and for planting and bringing to maturity on the entire parcel productive grape-bearing vines.

William Hall lived in San Jose and founded the Town of Lexington (now inundated by Lexington Dam) on the Los Gatos Creek about two miles south of the town of Los Gatos. He named this town after the town of Lexington, N. Y., where he was born.

JOHN T. DOYLE, AN EMINENT San Francisco lawyer, came into the Cupertino area in 1880, acquiring in excess of 321 acres of rolling hill and level land. John T. Doyle's historical background is of

interest in that among his avocations he also was a historian, a horticulturist, a viticulturist and chief counsel for the Archdiocese of San Francisco during the era of his Grace Archbishop Riordan. He is noted in American jurisprudence for his successful international legal proceedings against the government of Mexico for the Church's reimbursement for loss of Catholic properties prior to 1846 during the several changing Spanish and Mexican regimes.

It was during his ownership of the Cupertino Creek (Stevens Creek) properties that there was established on it the first Cupertino Post Office, circa 1880-1882.

The first winery (still standing) on his property was known as the "Cupertino Winery." Its products were world-renowned, being selected by the United States Viticultural Commission in 1900 as representative of the best wines of the United States of America to be entered in the Paris Exposition.

HE BESTOWED UPON his building site the name of "Cupertino." This name was derived from the original name given to the arroyo almost 200 years ago, ie. "Arroyo de San Joseph Cupertino." John T. Doyle knew his early California history very well for he had written a volume or so on it.

At this site in 1906 was found the famous De Anza Plaque.

West Side Post Office at the intersection of Stevens Creek Boulevard and Saratoga-Sunnyvale Road was officially given the name "Cupertino Post Office" in the year of 1900 by the United States Post Office Department.

The large land holdings of these three early pioneers had a common relationship in that their properties were relatively contiguous to each other.

(Next Week: A town starts to grow.)



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Mexican-American Joe Sanchez
"I won't go because I can't,"
Baptist says.

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"If the public knew about our procedures, there would be a hue and cry."

"I'm not one to criticize the system."

"You won't shoot any picture of this board as long as I have anything to say about it. We can see any controversial publicity this time."

"Let them go on welfare. All are statements or comments by Santa Clara County draft board members. Draft board members are then local representatives of one of the two systems under which the American government can control years of its peoples' lives or even take those lives.

The other system is the courts. Decisions made in the courts are based on public testimony and argument and decisions are handed down in public. Draft board decisions are usually based on confidential information and while results are made public the reasoning is not. No complete records are kept by draft boards, either.

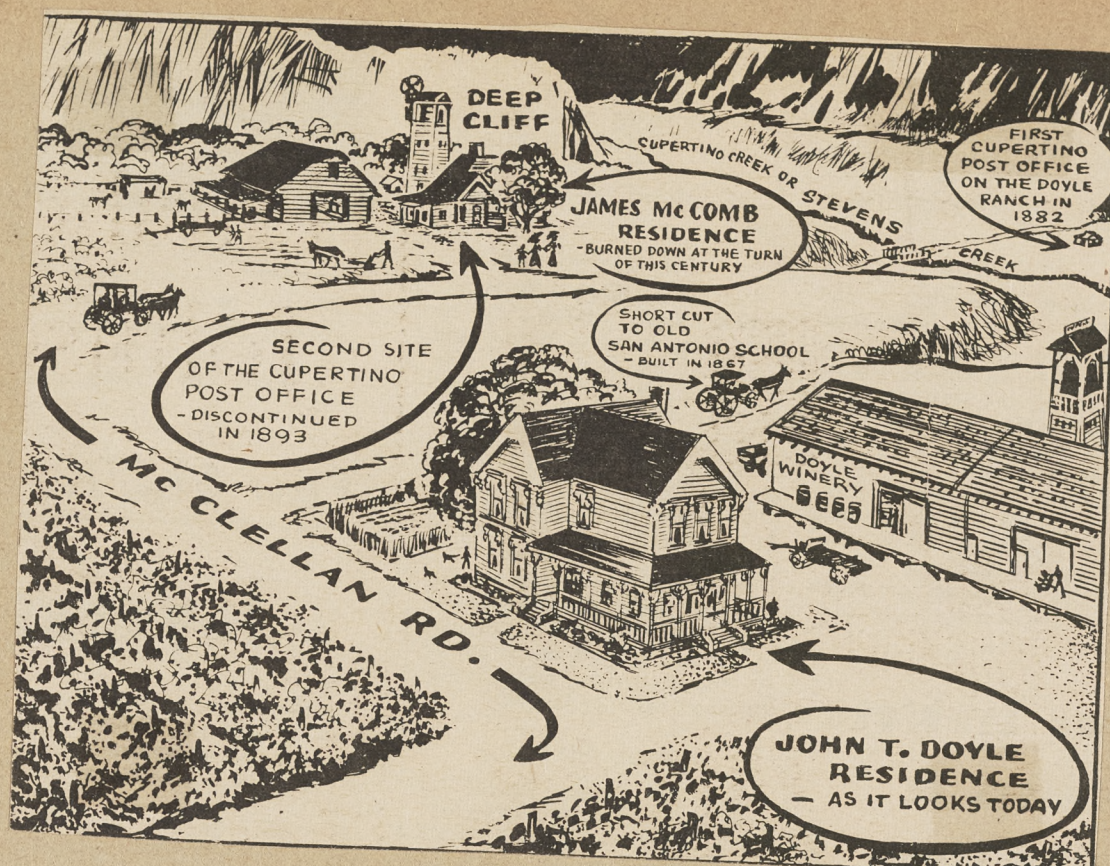
Yet the draft's own newsletter, "Selective Service," stated in November, "There is nothing secret, and very little confidential about the functioning of a Selective Service board. The board transacts public business and the public is entitled to know about its functions."

In Santa Clara County, though very little is public about the

Los Gatos draft protester Tom Havstad does construction work while awaiting trial. Twenty-year-old youth, from middle class family, says "I won my battle with the draft board when I told them I wouldn't serve. They may put me in jail, but they'll never get my body in a military uniform."



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IT CAN BE NOTED ALSO that two of the heirs of Samuel R. Williams, each holding 12½-acre parcels facing on Stevens Creek Road between what is now Orange and Imperial avenues, did in 1907 subdivide the acreage into town lots. It was an appropriate move since in that year Peninsular Electric terminated its tracks at that point. These were later finally extended to Palo Alto.

This first subdivider of 25 acres of the heirs of Samuel R. Williams was an old and established real estate office in San Jose known as Johnson and Temple.

Sales were slow for a number of years for this initial venture, when one realizes that a few miles was a long distance to city folks whose own respective towns and cities had much unoccupied land still immediately adjacent to their city limits.

GEOGRAPHICALLY, HOWEVER, the land areas centered around Monta Vista Railroad Station were slowly changing. What actually happened was that the Southern Pacific tracks traversed diagonally across the one-fourth section of land owned by Nathan J. Hall. To the east thereof was a parcel of some 52 acres, to the west was about 118 acres. Nathan J. Hall for many years permitted the east portion to remain as untilled land; however, in the end he did plant about 32 acres in prune trees on the northerly portion of it.

The years of 1912-1914 started to blossom into great potential real estate activity and fresh from a victorious launching of city subdivision activities east of Southern Pacific's San Bruno Station there emerged a young man by the name of George Hensley.

George Hensley was the Olympic Club's Amateur Wrestling Champion of the

Pacific Coast. His rocket-like real estate performance at San Bruno had netted him a cool \$450,000. He was one of the peers of all real estate promoters of that period.

HE VISITED MONTA VISTA. He came, he saw, he conquered to a degree. Reverting entirely to the status of promoter, he failed to recognize the essentialness of proper zoning requirements and the early development of Monta Vista took on, in part, the resemblance of a quickly established mining town built around a newly discovered silver or gold-quartz outcropping in the desert terrain of Nevada.

The first purchase of property made by George Hensley for his syndicate, the Peninsula Land and Investment Co., was about 20 acres of bare land owned by Nathan J. Hall, east of the Southern Pacific right-of-way and facing on Stevens Creek Road. This was known as Subdivision A of

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**IN THE MOST FAVORED
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The cover of the brochure advertising Altos Park in the 1930s. Its photograph is of the old Stevens Creek Road, known today as Cupertino Road.

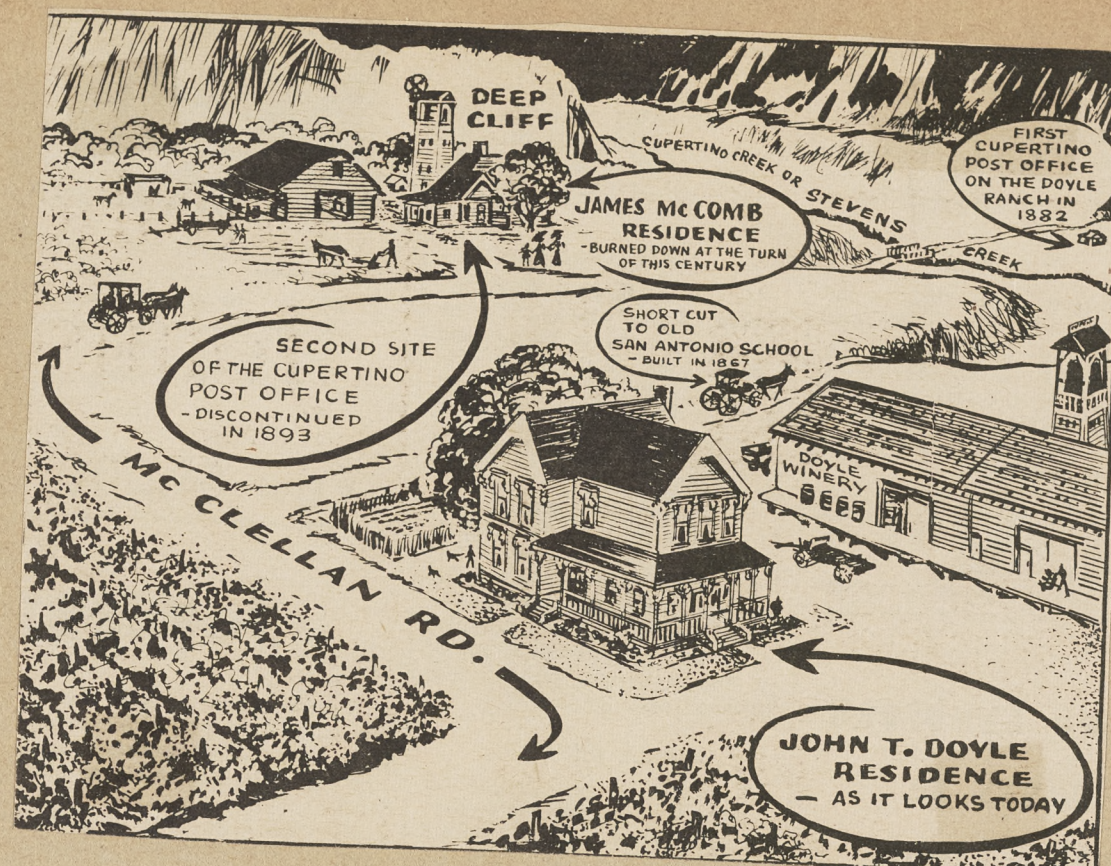
Monta Vista. Lots were small in frontage and area.

After the usual subdivision plats of the time had cleared Santa Clara County's offices, graded dirt streets lightly graveled, sidewalks of minimum thickness and width and of poor concrete and water pipes of inadequate size were installed.

AN ORNATE CEMENT water fountain was centered in the tract and the promotion of sales commenced. Sewage disposal was a problem left for the future buyers to solve as best they may.

Buses were run to the tract principally from San Francisco. Cost was borne by the Syndicate. Picnics (with flags and bunting) were numerous on weekends during the summertime and the virtues of climate, independence offered by country living and attainment of profitable income were loud-

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ly proclaimed and extolled.

The attached illustration depicts the proposed self-containment possibilities feasible for the larger sized lots of the Syndicate's later subdivision called "Altos Park." Many lots were only 25 feet by 100 feet in size. Others were laid out 100 feet by 100 feet in size with a 25-foot by 100-foot access lot from streets and avenues.

AFTER SEVERAL YEARS, buyers in Monta Vista's Subdivision A in many cases treated their acquisitions as summer facilities. Tents, small cabins and in a few instances modest homes dotted the subdivision.

A grocery and notions store owned by Elizabeth Engle, a garage and a plumbing shop owned by a man named Hannah, all closely adjoining and facing Peninsula Avenue, was the new subdivision's business district of Monta Vista during these early years.

One of the major problems arising at the time, despite contrary assertions, which thwarted the self-containment plans of many was that concerning lack of WATER.

THE YEAR OF 1913 stands as a hallmark in the annals of an ever-diminishing water table. The high grounds of the West Valley felt its scarcity first, and the Monta Vista Water Works, depending entirely on percolation from creek flow, had no other source of water to draw upon when stream flow ceased in the late summer months.

The adjacent Leib System, of which I was an employe at the time, had all it could do to get through the years of meager rainfall, supplying their Cupertino-Mt. View-Santa Clara-Sunnyvale customers.

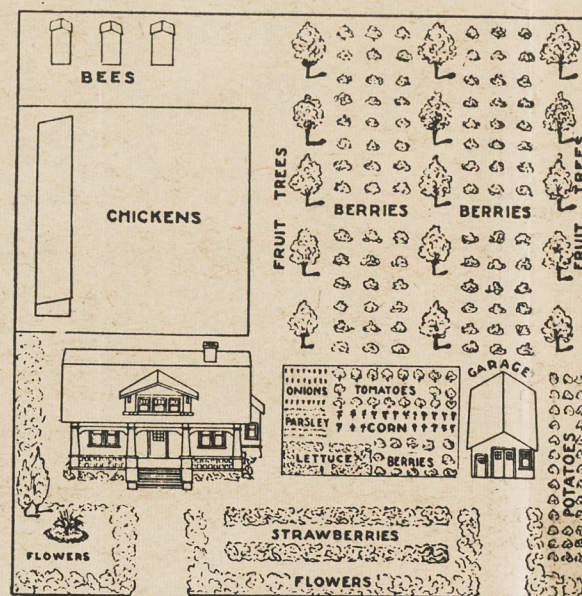
Despite this extraordinary problem, George Hensley between the years of 1915

ALTOS PARK lies in the justly celebrated frostless belt of the Santa Clara Valley, between Los Altos and Saratoga. It is reached by three main travelled highways, and adjoins the Peninsular Electric Railway connecting with the Southern Pacific Railroad and having a depot with regular stops within a mile. Altos Park is located in the gently rolling foothills, at an elevation of about 600 feet, and affords a wonderful panoramic view of the entire Santa Clara Valley, with San Francisco Bay in the distance.

Of this famous region, the United States Weather Bureau reports in part as follows:

"The prevailing westerly winds, intensified by the formation of the Golden Gate, which is a conspicuous break in the Coast Range, are deflected up the Santa Clara Valley as moderately northerly winds. The climate is mild and equable; the summers are pleasant and only moderately warm; the winters are cool and invigorating. Precipitation is limited to the winter half-year. Sunshine is abundant throughout the year; in summer and early autumn the almost unbroken sunshine favors the maturing and curing of deciduous fruit, for which the valley is famous. These fruits include prin-

cipally prunes, apricots, peaches, pears, plums, apples, berries, cherries and grapes. On the crest of Mount Hamilton to the east of the valley is situated Lick Observatory. This site was selected partly because of favorable observing conditions through the clear, dry air characteristic of the region."



Plan for a permanent home, with detached garage. Close to transportation and main traveled highways. The fruit trees are already planted and in full bearing. A homesite at Altos Park offers many possibilities at low cost.

HOW TO REACH ALTOS PARK:

From San Francisco—Bayshore Highway to Redwood City, continuing down El Camino Real to County Road just south of Mountain View. Thence straight ahead to Tract Office on property, 4 miles. Road is clearly marked.

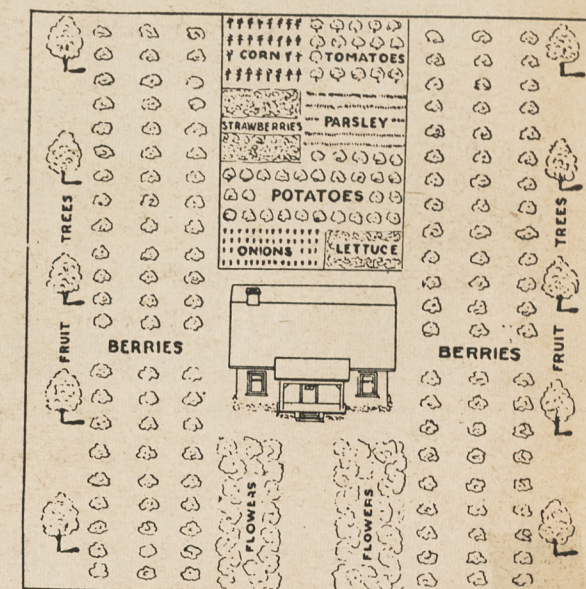
From Oakland—San Jose Highway to Milpitas, turn right to Alviso to Mountain View, then proceed as above.

Altos Park, comprising some 220 acres of wonderfully fertile land, has been sub-divided into parcels of from 1/4 acre to 5 acres in size. Some have full bearing fruit trees; others are planted to grapes. Then again, there are sections in which you may plant to suit yourself, with flowers and vegetables, a chicken run or bees, and a little home, as suggested by the two sketches on this page.

Altos Park is, indeed, ideal in climate, soil, location and natural resources; the ideal place in which to LIVE!

IN GENERAL:

41 miles (rail) from San Francisco. Street car line at property, connecting with Southern Pacific main lines. By motor, 45 miles from San Francisco's City Hall. Population of adjoining 10-mile half circle 100,000. Death rate estimated less than 3 per 1000 (lowest in the world). Close proximity to new United States Navy Dirigible Base now being constructed at a cost of approximately \$5,000,000. Abundant rainfall in season—no irrigation needed. Water for home use piped to entire tract from Stevens Creek (which runs through the property) on which a modern water plant has been erected. Electricity available to every location.



Picturing an ideal arrangement for a delightful week-end cottage on a Little Orchard at Altos Park. Independence amid beautiful surroundings at small cost, and on very easy terms.

BUY AN ACRE OR TWO AT ALTOS PARK FOR LESS THAN THE COST OF AN AVERAGE CITY LOT

The literature or "pitch" of the Altos Park 1930s brochure shown here promised potential buyers a small piece of paradise for little expense. Large lots were for permanent residency, while

the smaller lots were planned for "delightful weekend cottages" where the tired businessman could retreat via the Peninsula Electric Railroad from the hustle and bustle of San Francisco

to his little cottage in Monta Vista and putter about his garden in the "ideal climate" until blue Monday morning rolled around.

Live Close to Nature

and Health and all that goes with it are yours! Here, at ALTOS PARK Nature has bestowed her gifts to mankind with a lavish hand. There is no other region in the world where the ideal combination of equable temperature (never too hot or too cold); more days of sunshine (305 1/4 average days per year); and bountiful seasonable rainfall, than here at ALTOS PARK.

Owing to its proximity to large business areas, and the natural development of this region, ample opportunity for employment is afforded residents of ALTOS PARK.

A week-end or permanent home on a little orchard, a little vineyard or a little farm will bring you Health, Peace and Plenty. It may be secured for a ridiculously small sum of money, on very easy terms. And if you act quickly, you have your choice of location—hill-top—mountain side, or lowlands—all are desirable—all are priced very low.

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FACTS!

In the favored area in which ALTOS PARK is located, the facts of superior climate, days of sunshine and abundant seasonable rainfall, are proven by the following figures (heretofore unpublished) obtained from the U. S. Department of Agriculture Weather Bureau in San Francisco:

TEMPERATURE

From 1897 to 1930 (33 years) the annual mean maximum temperature was 70.1°, and the annual mean minimum temperature was 45.9°.

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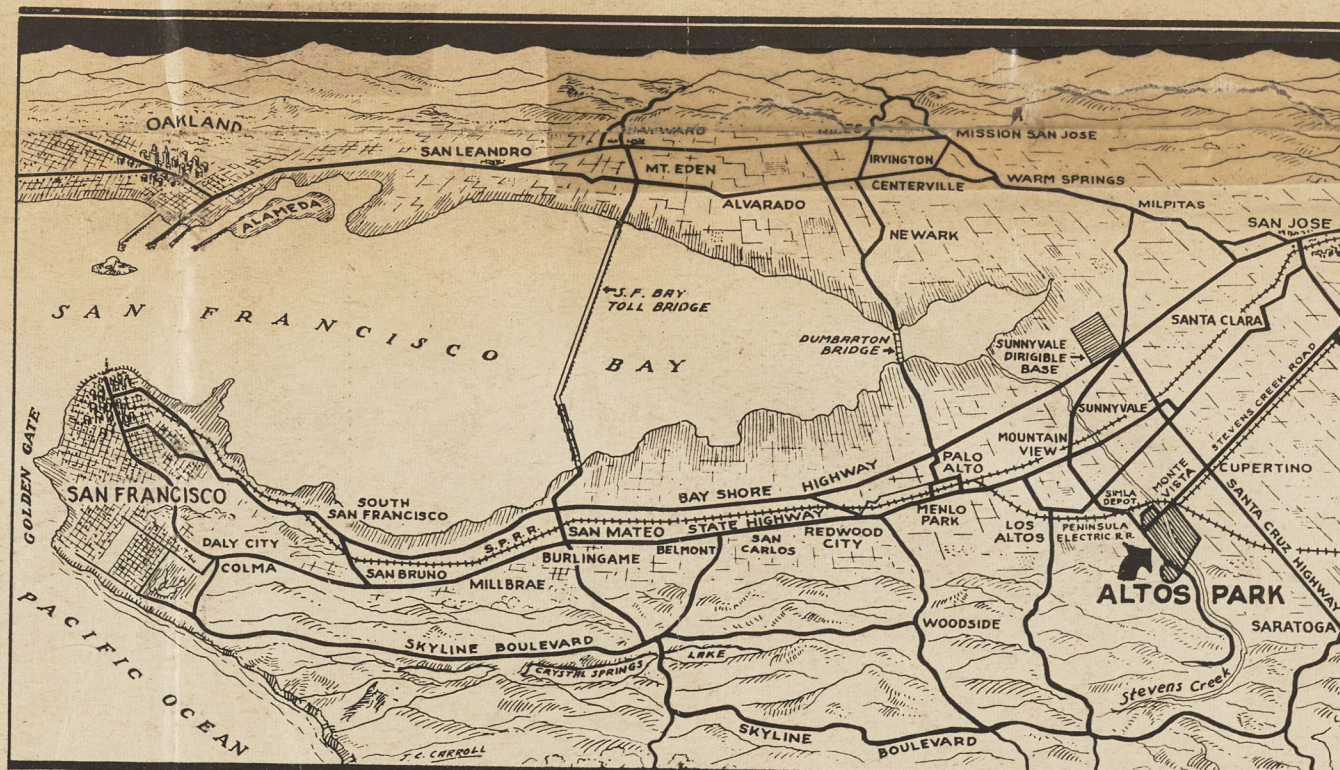
Over a period of 24 years to 1930, average annual percentage of possible sunshine (estimated down to one-sixth of a minute) was 74%. . . . Average number of sunshiny days per year (24-year period) 305 1/4.

RAINFALL

For 46 years (1885 to 1930) average annual precipitation was in excess of 20 inches.

Some years ago a prominent San Franciscan and his wife toured the world. Among other things, they studied climatic conditions as compared to California. They found but one spot, in Italy, that showed a favorable comparison with the Santa Clara Valley figures at that time. Later on they bought the home and property known as "Russellhurst" at Altos Park, and declared it "the most ideal climate, and desirable location in the World!"

ALTOS PARK IS IN THE MOST FAVORED SPOT IN CALIFORNIA!



and 1920 purchased and promoted further real estate development, all being within a mile of his first purchase, ie: Monta Vista Subdivision A.

IN THE INTERIM John T. Doyle had died and his property became an estate. Circa 1915, the year of the Panama-Pacific International Exposition, George Hensley purchased the Doyle Estate's entire holdings — some 321 acres.

Fifty acres of this land area, consisting of grape vines, was bounded by Stevens Creek, McClellan Road and what later became Byrne and Orange avenues.

He interplanted the vineyard the following year with Blenheim Apricots. He called the new development Monta Vista Subdivision B and promoted it as such.

IN THE NEXT SUCCEEDING years he established on the Doyle Property "The Colony Tract," "Altos Park" and "Inspiration Heights" subdivisions and circa 1920 purchased a separate adjacent property consisting of 20 acres from a Mr. Russell who had named his estate "Russellhurst." This name was carried over by the Syndicate as a name for the newest subdivision. This parcel fronts on the east side of what is now the Cupertino Road and is adjacent to the northerly side of Stevens Creek Road. It had common property lines with the area now occupied by "Sunnyview Manor" and with Cupertino's newest large development formerly known as the Eaton Property on Foothill Boulevard.

A residence built on this property about 1910 was dedicated and known as "The Monta Vista Country Club." Its purpose was to facilitate real estate sales and for prospective buyers' conveniences. Today it is again a private residence. The panorama view of Santa Clara Valley published in the *Courier* in 1966 was taken from this point.

(Next Week: Hoo Hoo House.)

The Monta Vista Story

Part III

The Coming of the Business District

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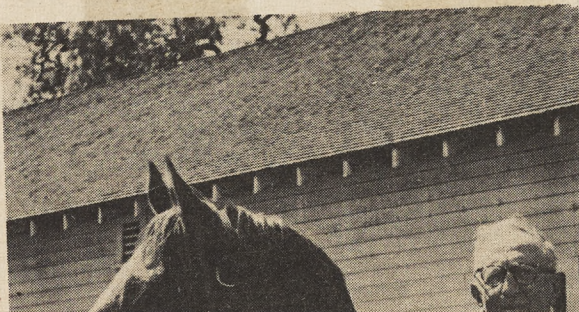
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EDITOR — Congratulations go to the Cupertino Planning Commission for refusing the use permit applied for by the Cupertino Hills Swim & Racquet Club. We, the homeowners, in the western division of town do not warrant the right to have a facility in the neighborhood for our families. But where can our youngsters participate in swimming, tennis and other sports or activities without going outside of town?

Farm Town?

most noise and react accordingly. It is my opinion that the swim and racquet club was not considered for its worth or utility. Instead the city planners were more interested in restrictions and conditions which they could impose on the club. They went through an unnecessary exercise since the negative attitude toward our endeavor had already permeated the commission. Now that the commission has taken this action it is quite obvious the burden is on the City Council to offer the citizens a recreation area in the western division. A park has been proposed; now it has become an

urgent requirement. Your family and mine can not enjoy a paper proposal. I suggest that all parties who were so vocal in protesting the club site be even more vocal in arguing for a city recreation facility. Let your voices be heard in Cupertino and your tax dollars go to San Jose. Hopefully, the attitude displayed by the planning commission is not the attitude of our entire city government. If it is, Cupertino will always be just a little farm town on the back road to Santa Cruz.

A. H. Kofoet
21514 Conrardia Ct.
Cupertino



During the Panama - Pacific International Exposition held at San Francisco in 1915, the International Order of Hoo Hoos, a fraternal organization composed exclusively of men engaged in the lumbering industry throughout the world, erected as their club house at the Exposition a large and singular structure composed of immense logs, which was known as the House of Hoo Hoo. At the

close of the Exposition, the building was purchased, taken apart and moved to Monta Vista, where it was re-erected on the top of Inspiration Point (pictured above). Its immense size and its oddity of construction made it a landmark visible for many miles. Many of the logs weigh more than seven tons each. It was used as a dancing pavilion and amusement place until destroyed by fire.

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The writer of this brief helped the heirs of Nathan I Hall in 1910 to select

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During the earlier formative and later declining years of the Monta Vista venture the various Monta Vista subdivisions gradually became more populated. Progress, however, was slow and the bond holders became restive. Through legal proceedings in the early 1930-1932 period, the assets were taken over by them and management of the conservation and liquidation was placed in the hands of Thomas K. Gally and Melvin E. Mensor, Trustees of the Bond Holders Protection Committee. The actual liquidation of the properties lasted a number of years.

It was during this period that certain Monta Vista lots were sold by the Bond Holders' conservators for as low as \$50 to \$100.

A WORD OF ENCOURAGEMENT and a compliment can be passed on to a present resident of Monta Vista Subdivision A. I refer to Mrs. Anne Anger. I believe her earliest memory of her present home location on Empire Street dates from 1945 when her parents purchased the property.

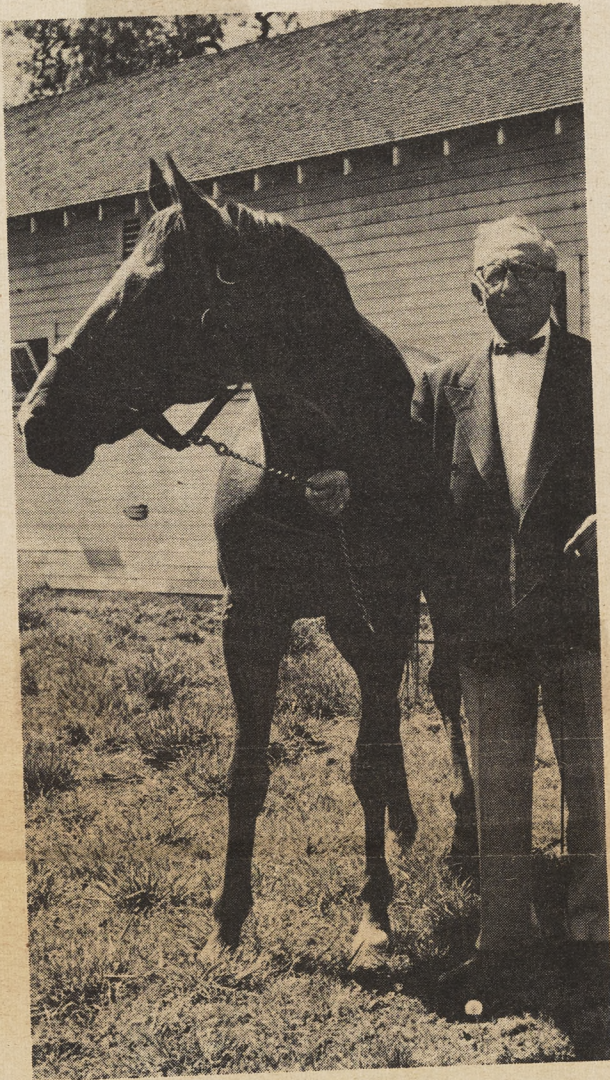
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The late D. J. Davis, owner of Monta Vista's Oak Dell horse-breeding ranch, stands beside one of his thoroughbred yearlings in this 1956 photo. At the time, he had about 30 horses on the ranch, part of which today is Oak Dell and Mann Craft subdivisions. Davis' most famous race horse was Phar Lap, which won 14 top races consecutively in Australia and the \$100,000 Agua Caliente handicap here in 1932. The famous horse then suddenly died. He was the idol of Australia. After his death, Phar Lap was stuffed and placed on exhibit in Australia.

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During the Panama - Pacific International Exposition held at San Francisco in 1915, the International Order of Hoo Hoos, a fraternal organization composed exclusively of men engaged in the lumbering industry throughout the world, erected as their club house at the Exposition a large and singular structure composed of immense logs, which was known as the House of Hoo Hoo. At the

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GEORGE HENSLEY

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His eyes envisioned spires, to pierce the sky,
His touch to potters' clay gained small response,
And dreams of grandeur could only but die.
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(Editor's Note: This concludes City Historian Louis Stockmeir's articles on the early history of Monta Vista. Next Week: Imperial Avenue — Monta Vista's "Industry Row.")

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The son of Italian emigrants, Gaviglio came to the United States in 1914 with his mother when he was 12 years old to join his father, who was working in the lumber mills then flourishing in the Santa Cruz Mountains. Even then Gaviglio was interested in the bar business, recalling that at the time Boulder Creek had 18 bars. Gaviglio didn't follow his father into the lumber business. "I washed out of that (lumbering) when my father was accidentally killed by a redwood tree falling on him."

After his father's death, the family moved from the mountains, but Gaviglio noted that he loves to "go back to that area for a drive through it; it's beautiful up there."

MOVES TO MONTA VISTA

Although he had left the mountains, its trees and greenery were in his blood. In 1940, after being in the bar business in San Francisco for seven years, Gaviglio purchased a bar in what was then a rather undeveloped wilderness of an orchard community, Monta Vista.

"The urge of country living and to get away from the city are the reasons I moved to Monta Vista," he explained between puffs on his pipe. "The country is nice here with trees and orchards. But I see I'm now in the city again," he added as a comment on the community's rapid growth. "I had no idea it'd grow this fast when I came here 26 years ago. The valley today has one of the best futures of any other community I can think of."

It had a great future in 1940, Gaviglio admits, when he and his wife and their son purchased the Permanente Cafe, (now the corner of Foothill Boulevard and Cupertino Road.), which was a handsome bar and restaurant catering to the 5,000 then employed by the Permanente plant a mile away in the hills. Gaviglio had discovered early in his bartending days that the working man was the best customer. It was a discovery that today, in retirement, he looks upon as one of the cherished experiences of his life. "I never regretted it. I have never

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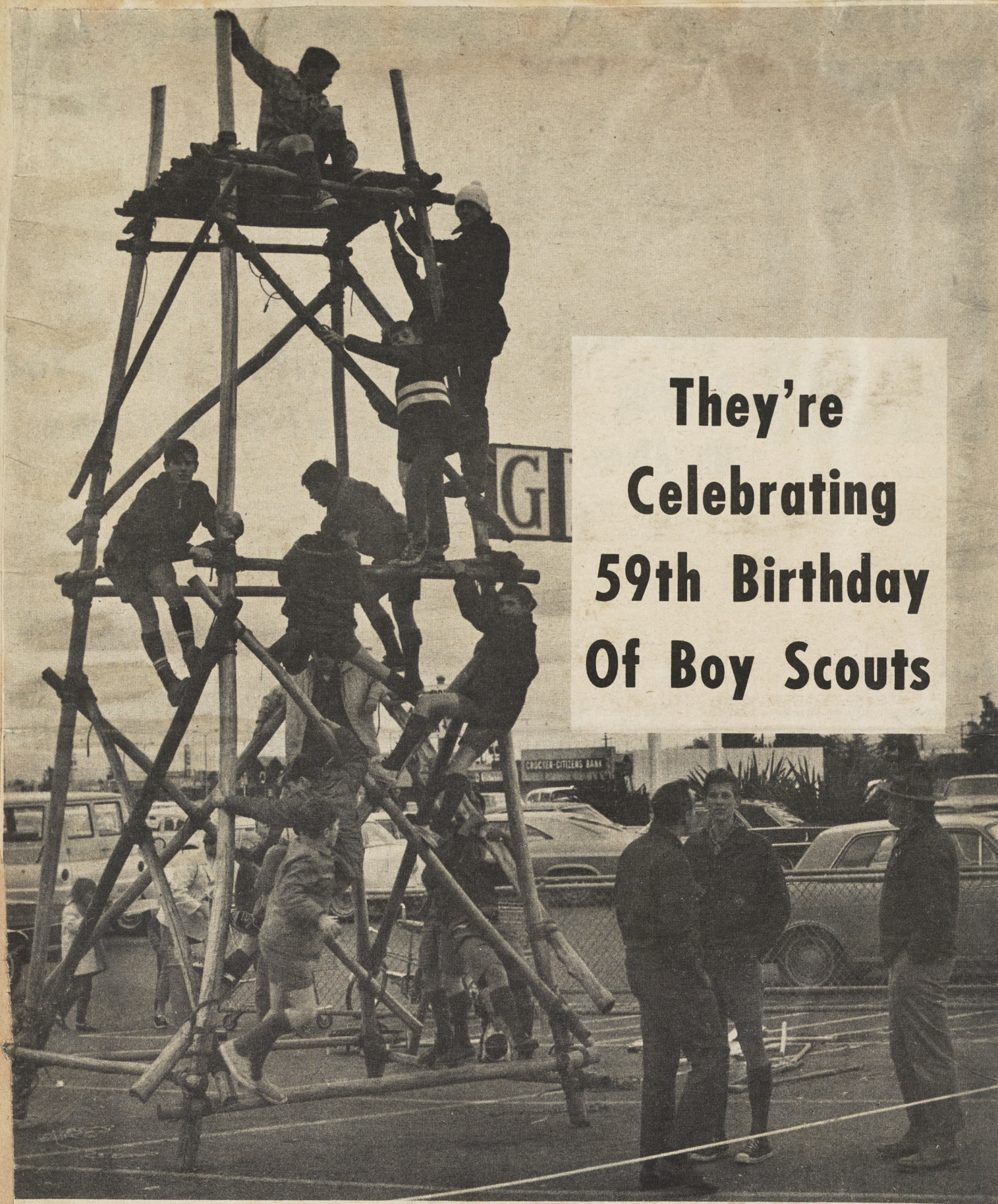
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Local Boy Scout Troops brought their 59th birthday celebration to the public Saturday when they held several demonstrations and exhibits in the parking lot at GEMCO on Stevens Creek Boulevard. Shown here are the activities of members of Cupertino Boy Scout Troop 479 as they installed a camp site and watchtower in the parking lot Saturday. The theme for this year's Boy Scouts Week is "America's Manpower Begins with Boypower."

— Photos by Martin Rowe



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Program for Deaf Urged in High Schools

George H. Blesch, representing a group of parents of deaf children attending the Sunnyvale Elementary School District spoke to Fremont Union High School District trustees at last week's meeting about having a program for deaf students in the district.

Blesch noted that students attending the elementary district come from throughout the north county, including Los Altos, Palo Alto, Cupertino, Sunnyvale and even Milpitas.

He commented that the program started in 1962 with two classes and 12 children. There are now five classes and 33 children at Fair Oaks and Madrone elementary schools in Sunnyvale.

NO PROGRAM

The spokesman said that in the fall of 1970 these students will be ready for high school and there is no program for the

deaf at this age level in the north county area.

He noted that there are only two elementary districts with classes for the deaf, San Jose and Sunnyvale, and San Jose has a high school program but they are not taking any more students.

Also, the proximity of homes to the schools would be beneficial, he said, adding that one student travels 45 minutes on a bus one way to get to one of the Sunnyvale schools.

"We are interested in seeing a high school program for the deaf come into being here and it is our intention to assist in extending the program to the high school district," Blesch said.

NOT CRUCIAL

Supt. Earl A. Goodell said, "We should definitely have a parent group working with the district. The problem is not immediate but will be needed in the fall of

Annexations Bring More Threats of Suits

The city's annexation machine got a few more teeth kicked out by irate property owners at Monday night's City Council meeting -- but it kept right on moving.

Latest annexation to the city to be approved over the howl of protesting property owners was a three-acre bite into the foothills, labeled the "Cordova 68-9" annexation.

This annexation takes in seven parcels at the San Juan Road and Cordova Road intersection area.

The annexation is just across the road from another annexation ("Cordova 68-5") approved last month which had protesting homeowners fuming at the hearings and charging "railroading tactics."

Similar comments were voiced at Monday night's hearing on Cordova 68-9 by Wilbur Norman, vice-president of American Plan Servicing. The firm was protesting the inclusion in the annexation of its property on Cordova Road.

The annexation was headed for termination at 5 p.m. Monday, but then City Engineer Ken Boyd said he received a letter at 6:30 p.m. from Lloyd and Beatrice

Ausmus of Cordova Road who stated that they wished to withdraw their names from the protest petition and vote in favor of the annexation. This threw the annexation into high gear again, giving it the necessary 50 per

cent of the assessed valuation of the land involved to be annexed to Cupertino. Prior to the Ausmus letter, the protesters had the

It's Been A Very Wet Two Weeks

Kites entangled in power lines caused a two-hour power failure in the Cupertino area on the morning of Feb. 11, according to Pacific Gas & Electric Co.

Areas involved -- including City Hall -- were East Estates Drive, Clifford Drive and Farallone Drive.

Only minor flooding was reported in various areas in Cupertino during last week's storms.

The storms, as of Monday, hiked Cupertino's seasonal rainfall to 20.07 inches, double what it was (10.73) at this same time last year. The total for the entire season last year was 15.55.

necessary 50 per cent of land involved to kill the annexation. The Ausmus switch dropped the protesters' percentage to 36.6 per cent.

The lack of the necessary percentage of protest to kill the annexation was the argument councilmen used in rebuttal to Norman's charges that the annexation hearing was illegal.

Norman, who stated the Ausmus letter "was a shock to me,"

claimed that his firm had not been notified in the allotted time of the annexation hearing and that if he wasn't given more time to investigate the annexation he'd take the issue to court.

Norman, explaining the short notice, charged that "there is a little more here than meets the eye." He said that both Cordova annexations was a "divide and conquer" device used to split the area so that it could be annexed.

Boyd reported that legal notices had been posted as required by law. He admitted that the reason the notification to American Plan Servicing may have been late is because its address isn't available in the normal channels used to locate addresses.

Norman replied that his firm was notified by the city of the other annexation, Cordova 68-5, so the address must be on record at City Hall. City officials said they had no recollection of this incident.

Councilmen argued that Norman's firm apparently received the notification in time to send a representative to the public hearing. "He (Norman) has protested and we've heard his protest," declared Councilman J. Robert Dempster, adding that this protest still doesn't kill the annexation.

In other annexation action Monday night, the council approved the "Rae Lane 68-6" annexation. This is a 12-acre acquisition of property at the intersection area of Rae Lane and Linda Vista Drive. The Cupertino Hills Swim & Racquet Club is scheduled to be constructed at the site.

There were no public protests to the Rae Lane annexation.

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Lions Help Pupils Learn the Meaning Of American Flag



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What the American Flag Means

The Cupertino Lions Club launched its first annual flag day event in the schools last week. First student to receive one of the 9,000 miniature flags distributed was Michael Pele, a student at Meyerholz. Presenting the flag to Mike is Al Richter, chairman of the Lions Club program. Looking on are (left to right) Mike Malone, Shelli Fayette, Mark Edwards and Joe Nardini. In the bottom photo, Sam Lawson, a Lions Club member and school district administrator, pauses during the flag ceremony to chat with Meyerholz students Julie Davis, Lynn Watanabe, Annette Gaxiola and Tracy Shook. For more photos of the First Annual Lions Flag Day, turn to page 4.

The first "Cupertino Lions Flag Day" held last week received a warm welcome from students.

The Lions distributed 9,000 miniature American flags and information cards about the flag to students in grades kindergarten to second in the Cupertino Union School District.

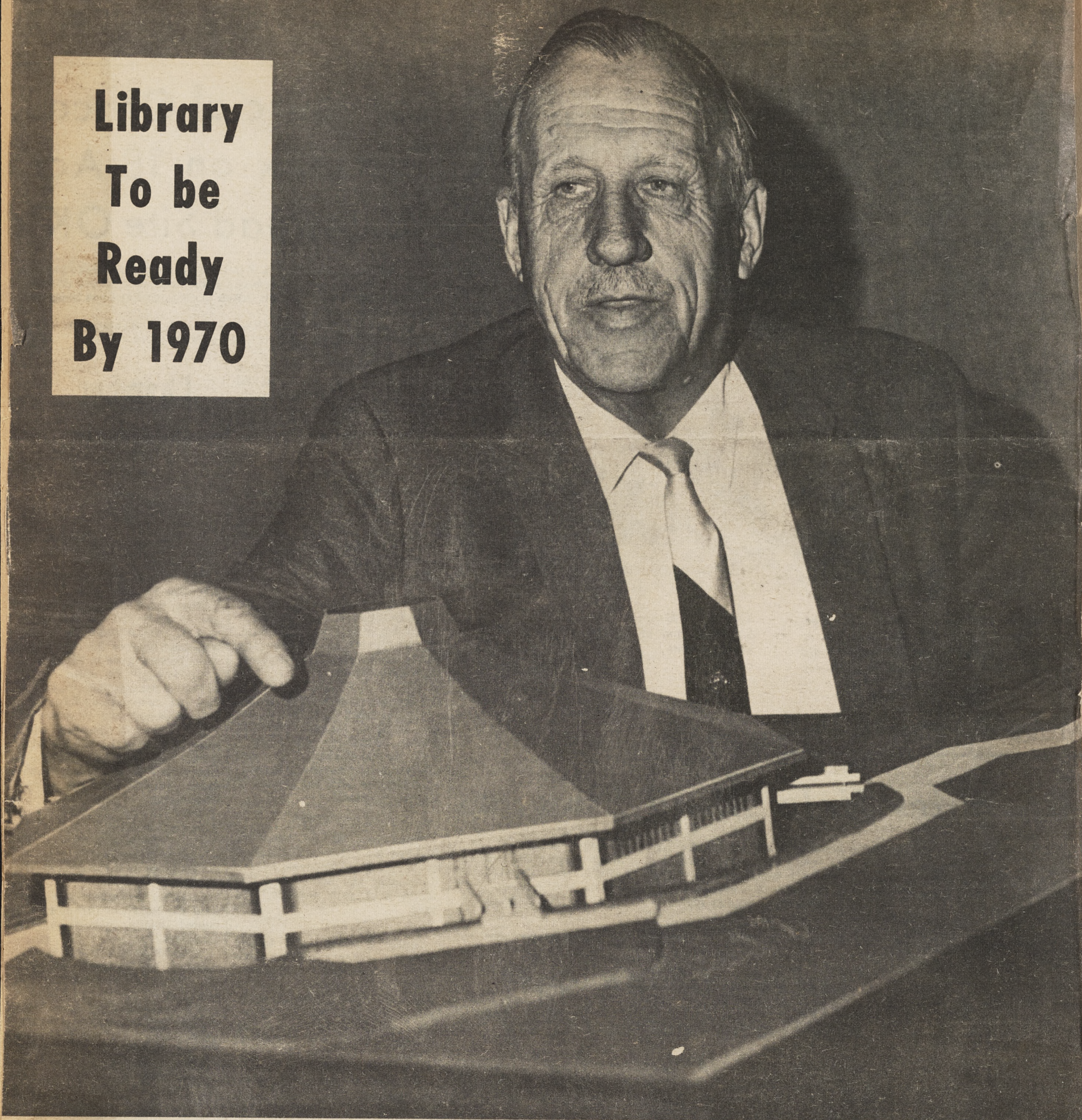
"We hope this program gives children a little better insight into what our American Flag means," said Al Richter, chairman of the project.

Next year the Lions hope to distribute the flags to all kindergarten pupils so that within a few years each student in the district will have one of these American flags.

The Lions Club is paying for the flags and information cards for the patriotic program.

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Library To be Ready By 1970



City Manager Philip Storm points out on a scale model of the future Cupertino Public Library some of the features the two-story building will offer.

The \$529,000 library is scheduled to open its doors to the public around the fall of 1970. Bids will be called for this September.

The octagonal designed library will be constructed on a two-acre site in the Civic Center. It will be located just south of the City Hall and will front on Torre Avenue.

Materials for the building will be similar to City Hall's with many glass windows, rich wood

exteriors, concrete columns and a tiled roof.

The 24,000 square foot library will have a ground level floor and lower level floor, created by placing the building in a depressed area. Storm said it is similar to the church constructed at the corner of Grant and Fremont roads in Mt. View. To accommodate customers, an elevator will be installed.

There is a possibility that the county's main library office will be housed in the Cupertino library, which will be operated by the county. But this is still in the tentative stages, said Storm.

The library is being financed by three sources:

- A \$300,000 library bond approved by voters last April.
- A \$159,000 federal grant.
- And a \$70,000 financial assistance from the county.

The scale model of the library shown here was presented to the City Council at its meeting last week by architect Wilfred Blessing and is on display in the lobby at City Hall.

- Photo by Rita Rowe

Historical Group Honors Patrons

Persons who contributed to help preserve the Petit Trianon building on the De Anza College campus were honored at the September banquet of the Cupertino Historical Society, Inc.

Besides being guests of the society, each donor was presented a bouquet of roses, contributed by Mas Onishi of Wesley's Flowers.



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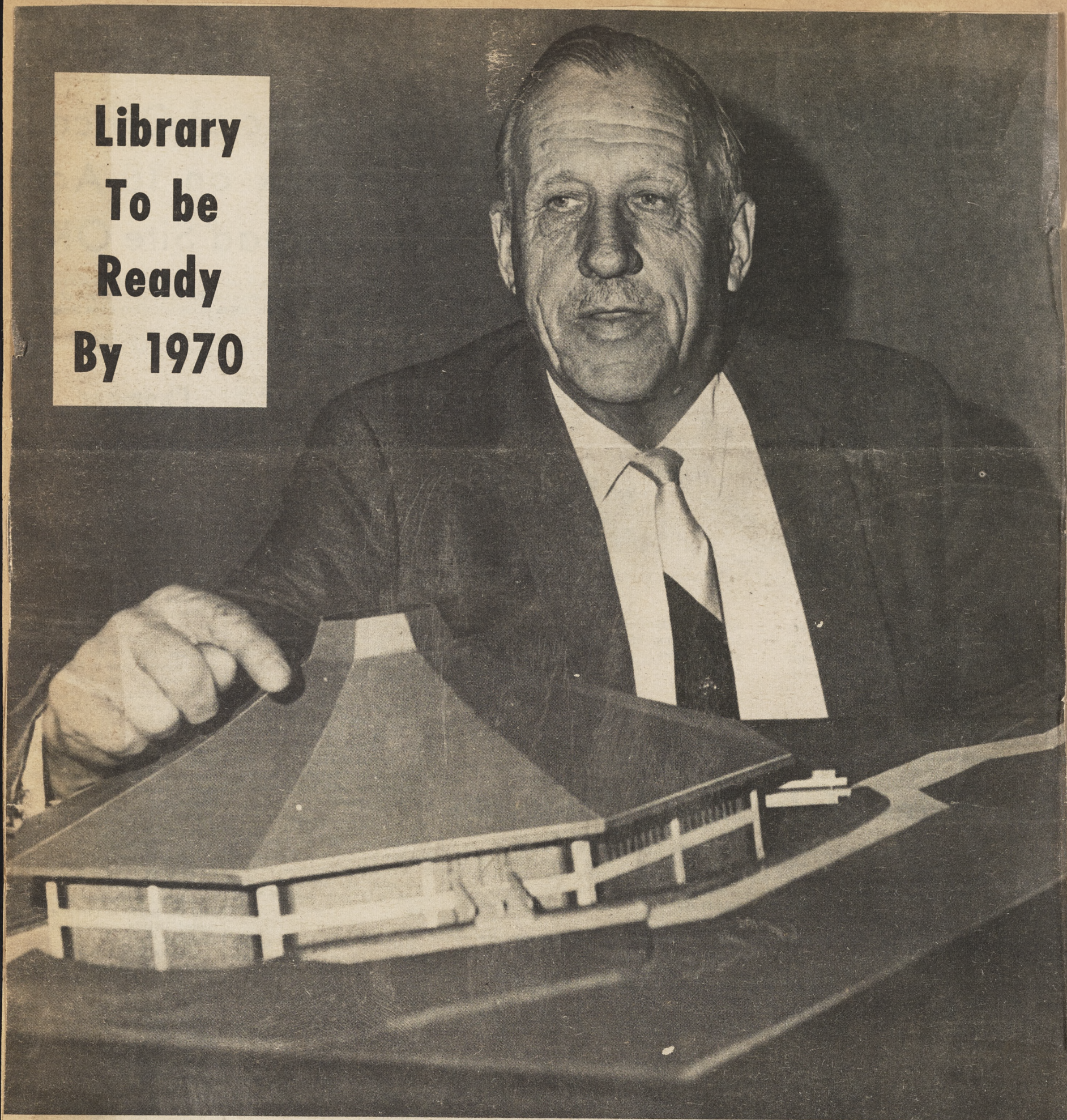
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Historical Group Honors Patrons

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Besides being guests of the society, each donor was presented a bouquet of roses, contributed by Mas Onishi of Wesley's Flowers.



Mas Onishi of Wesley's Flowers presents bouquets of roses to members of the Cupertino Federated Women's Club, (left to right) Mmes. Peter Mardesich, Robert Johnson (club president) and Wayne Kong. The members represented the club at the dinner and presented a \$500 check from the club to help the Trianon preservation drive. In the foreground is Mrs. Louis Levine, a member of the Trianon board of trustees.



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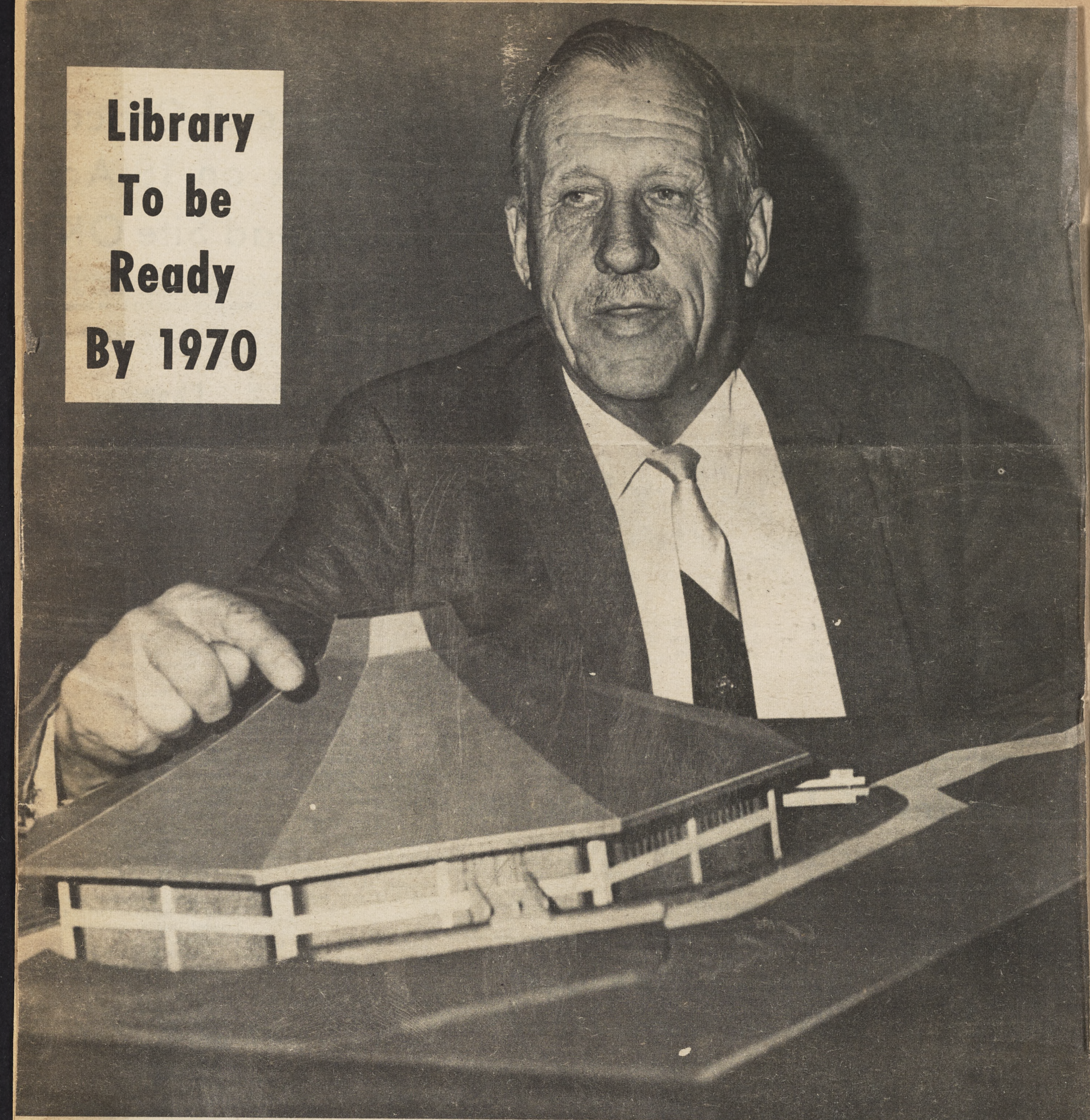
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Hays, who is running for seat No. 5 in the April 8 city election, made his charge this week, speaking before a group of homeowners.

CONSOLIDATION

Hays said that consolidation of the city and county library sys-

tems should be made "one of San Jose's highest priorities to give the city and its library workers the first class facility they deserve."

"The city and county operate different library systems," Hays explained. "Whereas San Jose

has concentrated on building very attractive facilities and therefore has been forced to limit book purchases, the county has rented unused space in shopping centers and other convenient locations, and has placed its main emphasis on acquiring an adequate stock of books."

Hays said that as a result, the county libraries have at least

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"Thus," Hays said, "the San Jose mother who wishes to obtain a book for her child which is not available in the San Jose branches is required to pay \$10 fee to the county to use its facilities."

Hays said that the city's Goals Committee pinpointed city-county library consolidation as a primary goal for future metropolitan development.

"Once again," Hays said, "we have the goal; all we need is the action."

Transformer Short

A short in a transformer in the Vallico Village shopping center caused a blackout that lasted anywhere from half an hour on up in the Cupertino area Monday night. Pacific Gas and Electric Co. officials noted that the blackout occurred at 8:15 p.m. and half the lights in the area were restored by 8:53. Lights in the Vallico Village shopping center went back on at 9:16 p.m. and most of the service was restored by 10:10 p.m.

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come when his car was burglarized of \$170 in goods last Friday. J. C. Darnell, 52, who, with his wife, is visiting his sister-in-law here, said he parked the auto at the lot of the Nike Kap restaurant, 20020 Stevens Creek Blvd., Cupertino, between 7:30 and 9:30 p.m. Darnell told Sheriff's Deputy Robert Pulling that he and his wife took their cue sticks out of the trunk, but later found that the trunk had been broken into. Missing items included tools, soldering irons, a traveling bar and hinges and hinge hardware.

The following playgrounds and parks are operated by the Cupertino Parks and Recreation Dept. For more information about recreation programs, call the department at 253-2060.

EATON

Wednesday is "Practice Day" at Eaton, with the girls practicing their cheerleading and the boys practicing their football plays. A horseback riding excursion is planned for tomorrow. The playground will be closed Friday for a staff meeting. Tiny Tots will be meeting at 10 a.m. on Saturday. Bring a sack lunch at noon for a picnic lunch and relays. Saturday is arts and crafts day.

FARIA

Wednesday is tournament day at Faria. At 4 p.m. today the preliminaries for all age groups will be held, and the finals will be held Saturday afternoon. Thursday afternoon, the Faria football team, composed of fifth and sixth grade boys will challenge the football team of another school. Peanuts Club will meet on Friday. There is still room for all interested kindergarten through fourth grade students. Tiny Tots will meet on Saturday at 10 a.m. There is some room in the Tiny Tots program for children between three and five years old. They may register this Saturday at 10 a.m. on the playground. Tuesday, the Faria Faria Football Team will again challenge another school.

September 5, 1969
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Gentlemen:
We have examined the books and records of the City of Cupertino for the year ended June 30, 1969, and we have prepared therefrom the following financial statements.
Our examination was made in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards, and accordingly included such tests of the accounting records and

such other auditing procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances.
In our opinion the accompanying financial statements present fairly the financial position of the City of Cupertino as at June 30, 1969, and the results of its operations for the year then ended.

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Certified Public Accountants

CITY OF CUPERTINO
BALANCE SHEET - BY FUNDS JUNE 30, 1969

ASSETS	FUND					
	General	Special Revenue	Capital Project	Debt Service	Trust and Agency	Special Assessment
Cash and temporary investments (Total of \$1,691,173.42)	\$726,407.27	\$217,297.09	\$270,635.85	\$62,878.66	\$364,600.88	\$ 49,353.67
Cash held by fiscal agent (Total of \$616,050.25)						
Interest receivable on investments	15,248.56	2,966.69	267.47	63,187.50		552,862.75
Accounts receivable	11,620.86			40.54	13,084.55	41.86
Taxes receivable, delinquent					2,900.00	
Due from Water Fund	169,202.41					
Due from Special Revenue Fund	8,293.24					
Due from Debt Service Fund			10,015.82			
Special assessments receivable, delinquent						3,046,979.17
Prepayments	4,785.24					94.46
General fixed assets						
Amount available and to be provided for bond redemption						\$2,316,337.01
TOTAL	\$387,257.58	\$220,263.78	\$280,919.14	\$129,066.70	\$377,685.43	\$3,649,331.91
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GARDEN GATE

A Tetherball Tournament is scheduled for today for both boys and girls. Prizes for first, second and third places will be awarded. A flag football game will be held at Garden Gate tomorrow at 3:30. Garden Gate boys will be meeting the Wilson Park team. Officers will be elected at the Girls Club Meeting on Friday. Peanuts Clubbers will have two contests at their meeting on Friday: 1. An "Ugly Man" drawing contest. 2. Bubble Gum Blowing Contest. Also, all will play the game "Charge the Fort." Tiny Tots will play games, and have arts and crafts and storytelling Saturday from 10 a.m. to noon. A "Bicycle Olympics," which includes prizes for the best decorated bike and cross country races will be held Saturday from 1 to 4 p.m. Winners of the drag racing and sprints will also receive prizes. There will be separate races for boys and girls. Sign up now. Come and make something groovy with Dode on Monday for arts and crafts. Another flag football game is planned for Tuesday, Oct. 7, against Lincoln at Garden Gate.

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City to Relocate Memorial Park To Monta Vista Winery, Horse Ranch?

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the northwest corner of Wolfe Road and Stevens Creek Boulevard.

The councilmen indicated that they favored the proposed trade, but pointed out to Bandle that there are several legal ramifications which must be untangled and clarified before the city can commit itself to the exchange.

City Attorney Sam Anderson said that a "double barrel question which must be answered" is whether the buyers of the central park bonds will go along with the switch and also the federal government, which gave the city a grant to purchase the park site.

After Bandle's presentation, Councilman Gary Stokes proposed that the city start moving immediately on the study of the exchange.

He successfully recommended that the proposal be presented to the City Parks and Recreation Commission for its recommendation and that the city staff prepare a preliminary report on the trade and that the City Attorney prepare a rough report on the legal ramifications. All of these reports are scheduled to be presented to the council at its July 21 meeting.

Stokes noted that by taking this action, "we're setting the wheels in motion" which may give them by the next meeting "an indication as to whether or not this council is willing to proceed further on the exchange."

The council voted 4-0, with Fitzgerald abstaining, to proceed with the preliminary reports.

In the Exchange Agreement presented to the council by Bandle, persons listed as Progress Investment included E. E. Simmons, Douglas McDonald, L. Wentholt, V. G. Ange, Robert Saich, Ralph Saich, et al.

According to the proposed agreement, the association plans to purchase the 15-acre Horse Ranch from the Langman family for \$425,000 and the nine-acre



The 25 acres proposed for the relocation of the city's Memorial Park are shown here in this 1964 aerial photograph by Martin Rowe. The 9-acre Horse Ranch is the flat lands at the left. Its house and stables are not shown. The 16-acre Monta Vista Winery in-

cludes the Chester Damico residence on McClellan Road (left) and the old Doyle Home (at the first curve McClellan makes at the right) and the large winery building behind it.

Monta Vista Winery from the Chester Damico Jr. family for \$300,000 for the purpose of the land trade with the city.

The prices include the improvements on both parcels.

Bandle pointed out that this includes the winery, with a 30,000 square footage, suitable for a possible teen center; the two-story, 3,000 square foot Damico home, two small guest cottages and the Doyle Home. Also included is the Langman home, which was recently remodeled, and the stables and corrals at the Horse Ranch.

Bandle noted that "the Horse Ranch has a long history of being desired by councils and concerned citizens as the ideal location for a park site, but this has failed to materialize for many reasons."

He said that the Horse Ranch and winery as a city park would give Cupertino a park-chain along the meandering Stevens Creek from Stevens Creek Boulevard to Stevens Creek Reservoir.

He pointed out that the Horse Ranch area is already predominantly recreation. There's a golf course and recreation area, Blackberry Farm; another golf course, Deep Cliff, and the soon to be constructed Cupertino Hills Swim and Racquet Club and city hillside park.

Bandle said it would be possible to tie the city hillside park into the potential park at the Horse Ranch and winery.

In the exchange, the association stipulated several conditions. Included was the extension of Alves Drive westward from Stelling Road for connection to Mary Avenue. This would split the 15-acre central

park site, with five acres north of Alves Drive and 10 acres south of it.

The conditions also stipulate that using Alves Drive extension as the dividing line, all property north of it be zoned for apartment use and all property south of it (25 total acres) be zoned for planned commercial use.

Also stipulated was the granting of two service station use permits for the 25-acre commercially zoned parcel.

This condition may not be to the council's liking.

A few months ago Bandle was told to come back with better and more detailed plans for the planned commercial zoning he sought for the Saich family's 15 acres at the corner. Also proposed at the time was a gas station which drew the frowns of a few councilmen.

Park Land Trade Proposed to City

The Monta Vista Winery and Horse Ranch on McClellan Road may become the city's central park.

Such a possibility was dangled before the City Council at its meeting Monday night by Don Bandle of Cupertino Realty.

Bandle, representing a group of property owners who have formed Progress Investment Assn., proposed to the councilmen the exchange of the Horse Ranch and the winery properties for the city's presently undeveloped central park on Mary Avenue and Stevens Creek Boulevard, across from De Anza College.

Although there are certain conditions involved, the exchange would be strictly a land swap with no cash involved. The city would receive about 24 acres in exchange for 15 acres.

In the exchange, the city would gain a desirable location for a park because of its natural park-like terrain and proximity to other recreation facilities and several usable structures, including the historic two-story Doyle Home.

Progress Investment is presently planning a planned commercial development on 10 acres at the northwest corner of Stelling Road and Stevens Creek Boul-

evard. It would take the city's 15 acres, which adjoins its 10-acre parcel, and incorporate it into the planning for a larger commercial complex.

Councilman Jerry Fitzgerald, an associate of Bandle, told the Courier after the meeting that the larger parcel would be more of an inducement to attracting quality commercial developments. He said that if the corner parcel can be enlarged by adding the city acreage to it, this would give them the opportunity to continue negotiations for a commercial business which is comparable to the Sears going in at

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Succeeds Mrs. Rosendahl



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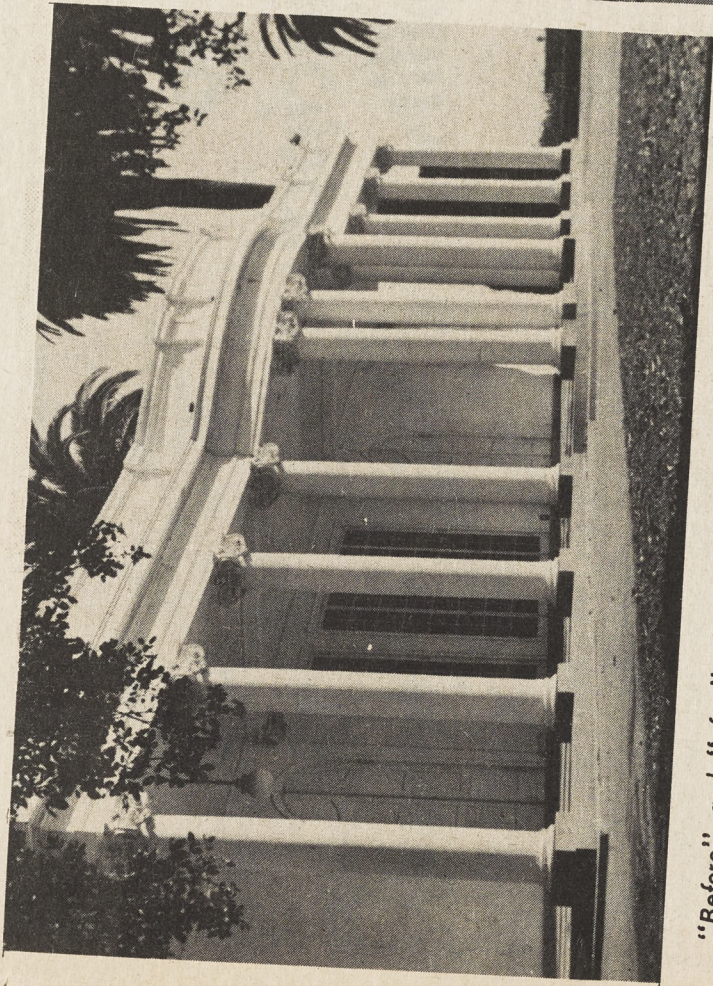
Jewelry valued at more than \$1,500 was stolen from Patti Jane Dolan, 30, of 11144 La Poma Dr., Cupertino, on Thursday.

\$1,500 in Jewelry Stolen from Home

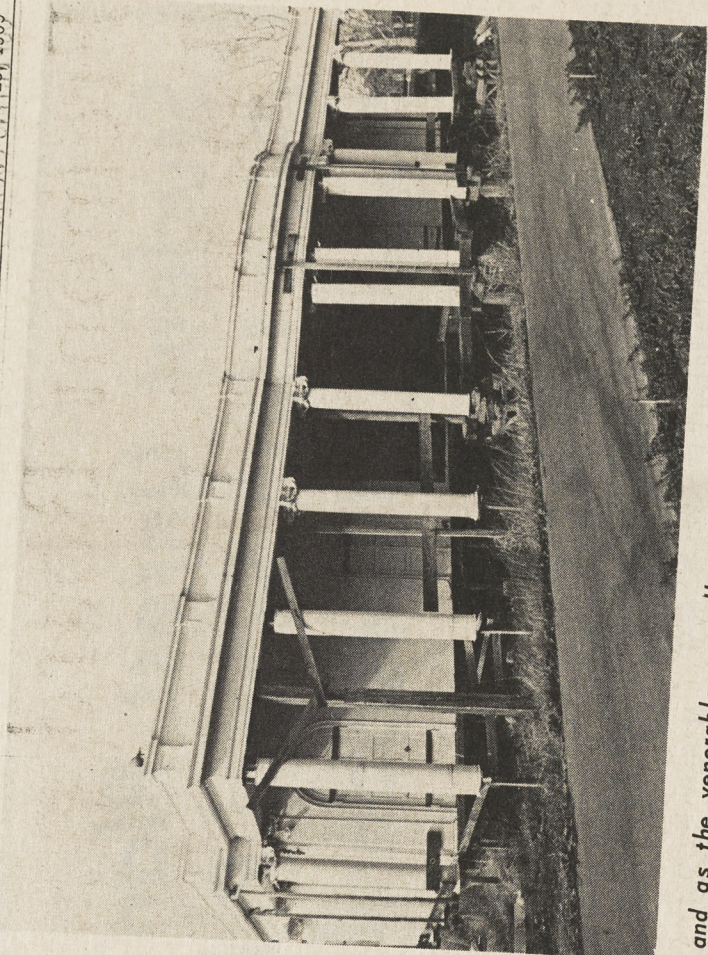
The clerical worker for IBM told Sheriff's Deputy M. C. Larson that the thief gained entry by breaking the lock mechanism on the sliding glass door.

Largest of the missing items and their value was a ruby ring with 26 rubies, \$375; a diamond ring with four small diamonds and one large one, \$275, and a gold bracelet with two diamonds, \$400.

Also missing were a wedding band, \$190; diamond and pearl pendant, \$125; diamond and pearl earrings, \$100; pendant, \$50, and gold chain, \$5.95.



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CONTRIBUTIONS

Tax-exempt contributions may be sent to Dr. Walter Warren in care of the California History Center, De Anza College. When restored as a history museum, the Trianon will serve not only the Foothill Junior College District but the high school and elementary school districts as well. It is expected to become a tourist attraction, as well as serving as a facility for scholars of California history.

Foothill Junior College District trustees will lease the permanent site of the early-day mansion to the Trianon Foundation for \$1 a year.

Le Petit Trianon was built in 1892 by millionaire Rear Admiral Charles A. Baldwin, colorful Santa Clara Valley pioneer who was the son of Admiral Baldwin of Newport and uncle of the Duchess of Marlborough. The estate later was sold to the Pullman heiress who entertained crowned heads of Europe at



The drive to save the Petit Trianon building on the De Anza campus has received a \$200 boost from the Fine Arts League of Cupertino. The league's president, Mrs. Teresa Webber, presents City Historian Louis Stocklmeir, who is also co-chairman of citizens' committee endeavoring to save the Trianon, a check for \$200 during the league's meeting Monday night. The money was raised at the FAL's benefit art show held June 8. The show was co-sponsored by the De Anza Lions.

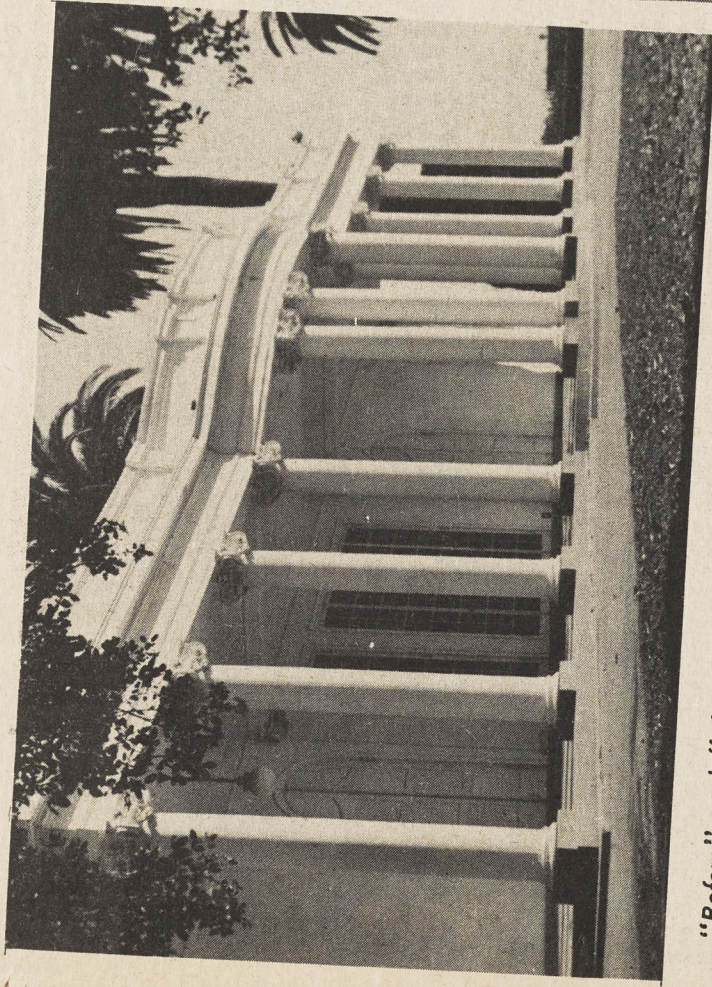
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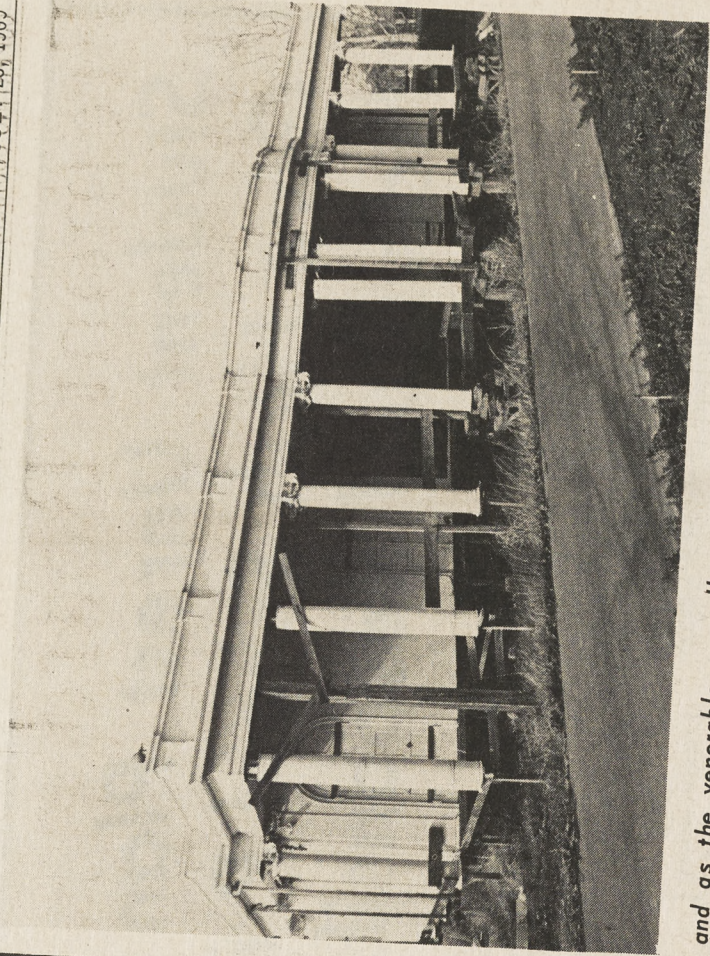
SUPPORTERS

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Bochs Meyerholz, Edward J. Myers, Kathy Nolan, Mas Onishi, Mrs. Mardesich, Mrs. Robert S. Johnson, Marshall Roe, Aileen Reed, Dorey Reed, Mrs. Julie Stevenson, Mr. and Mrs. H. R. Sherman, Joseph Silva, Dallas Smith, Dr. Robert C. Smithwick, Reed Sparks, Father Arthur D. Spearman, Mrs. William Charles Taaffe, Michael Taaffe, Chris Taaffe, Dr. Walter Travis, Helen Windham, Linda Wood, Mrs. Mary Lou Zoglin, Al Spiers, Mrs. John Wistrom, Walter Ward, Louis E. Stocklmeir, Sr., Dr. Walter Warren, Mrs. Louis S. Levine, Peter Hom, William Sellier and Kenneth Chow.



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Maryknoll . . . in the rolling hills of Cupertino.

— Photo by Dave Dawson
June 7, 1971

Chinese Contributions to Valley's History

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So writes Frank K. Cooper in his article, "The Art and Architecture of Maryknoll Seminary of Cupertino," in the just published Chinese Argonauts, an anthology of the Chinese contributions to the historical development of Santa Clara County.

The book, edited by Gloria Sun Hom, is the most recent publication of the California Local History Studies Center at the Foothill Community College District and is being distributed by the Trianon Foundation to its members.

As with all the History Study Center quarterlies, the book is part of a limited edition (\$4.50 a copy) which foundation members receive as part of their membership benefits. The foundation was formed two years ago to work in preserving the Le Petit Trianon on the De Anza campus as a California History Museum.

Persons interested in the foundation's work, the center's quarterlies or membership may obtain their information by writing to The Trianon Foundation, 21250 Stevens Creek Blvd., Cupertino, Calif. 95014. Contributions for the restoration and preservation of the Trianon are tax-exempt.

Eighteen articles are included in the Chinese Argonauts anthology. They include such titles as "Thomas Foon Chew — Founder of the Bayside Cannery," "The San Jose Railroad and Crocker's Pets," "Herbalism — Age Old Chinese Medical Art,"

"Chinatown Fire," "Ming Quong," "Sing Kee-Sergeant," and "Santa Clara County Rice Bowl."

In this article on the architecture of Maryknoll Seminary, Cooper notes that the Chinese influence is seen in the design of the seminary's roof. "The steep pitched roof with its upturned corners, to ward off the demons of evil, is a pleasing, striking combination of two worlds; placing itself in a dramatic silhouette against the surrounding hills. The curvature of the roof not only is aesthetically pleasing, but pursues the imagination in wonder of what mysteries it might hold."

Cooper, who obtained "valuable information" for the article by talking to the Maryknoll people, briefly traces the history of Maryknoll, which goes back to 1911. "Its members had the honor of being the first American Catholic missionary group to do work in China, Japan and Korea."

The first missionaries of the Maryknoll organization, which was started by two priests in Montreal, Canada, were sent to Kwangtung, South China. The Maryknoll missionaries soon spread to Japan, Korea and Manchuria until the Japanese invasion in 1931 forced out most of the missionaries.

Cooper writes that "the Cupertino division of the Maryknoll Seminary was opened for students in 1926... The structure, with walls of solid concrete, sits on a peaceful sunny knoll, looking into a grassy valley and the St. Joseph High School and St. Patrick's College. A mood for serenity and contemplation seemed to have been the prerequisites for the construction on the 30-acre site."

From 1926, when Father H. A. Drickx, a scholar of Latin and Ancient Greece, welcomed the seminary's first six students, to 1969 when it was converted into a retirement home for priests, Maryknoll's primary concern was the instruction of students for foreign missions.

The seminary reached its peak enrollment of 90 students shortly after World War II. "Now," Cooper writes, "many members of the seminary are still scattered throughout the world for missionary purposes. Some have joined the order of Diocesians, while still a few remained behind to instruct at St. Joseph's and St. Patrick's high school and college."

Cooper points out that the seminary's early structure was not much more than an outside shell.

"Only as more monies were appropriated did further additions develop. One of these new additions was the Chapel of St. Theresa, built in 1935. A dominating influence of Chinese ornamentation makes the chapel unique in a world of Christian dogma."

"The culmination of Chinese artistical influence is seen in the altar piece which surrounds an altar of Moroccan onyx. On and beside the altar sit Chinese candlesticks, while Chinese ornamentation from Buddhist temples brought over from China decorate doors and wooden partitions."

Cooper's article relates some of the theories behind why the Chinese constructed their roofs at such angles. The article also contains explanations of some of the Buddhist symbols found in St. Theresa chapel, pictures and sketches of Maryknoll.

Commercial Heavy

63% of Cupertino Is Developed Completely

A zoning analysis compiled by the Cupertino Planning Department shows that 63 per cent of the city has been developed.

Planning Director James Sisk gave the chart to planning commission members on Monday night without comment.

He stated that he has not had time to study the figures in depth but various reports would be coming out from time to time from his department.

UNDEVELOPED

Sisk said the most striking figure to him was that 37 per cent of the city was undeveloped.

The report also gives a breakdown on the commercial zoning, a topic which came to light when Sisk had recommended to stop commercial zoning at Stelling Road when the Saich property sought rezoning to commercial.

There are a total of 519 acres zoned commercial, 15 per cent of the city, with 158 acres of that developed (30 per cent) and 260 acres developed in other uses.

COMMERCIAL

The striking figure here is that there are 325 acres (or 63 per cent) undeveloped, but has the commercial zoning tag.

There are more non-residential than residential uses in the city with 1,794 acres (52 per cent) zoned for other usage.

These include agricultural, public and quasi-public, commercial, industrial, administrative and professional office, and transportation.

Residential zones, which include single-family, single-family cluster, duplex and multiple units, accounts for zoning of 1,631 acres or 48 per cent.

A total of 465 acres (28 per cent) of the residential zones have not been developed and 804 acres (45 per cent) of uses other than residential are fallow.

Houses account for most of the city's composition with 1,194 acres, or 35 per cent, in this category. This is followed by commercial with the 519 acres

(15 per cent) and industrial of 429 acres (12 per cent).

However, in the case of industrial zoning 75 per cent, or 320 acres, have not been developed.

Leader in this category is the 39 acres of residential single-family cluster which has not been developed at all.

Largest percentage of acreage developed in other uses is the 14 per cent (33 acres) of agricultural land. Largest acreage in other use is the 52 acres of residential single-family, but that is only four per cent of the total.



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A son was born to Mr. and Mrs.
James Harms of 19425 Green-
wood Dr., Cupertino, on Nov. 25

Alpine Dr. said a brick was
thrown at his auto and broke off
his side view mirror and made a
scrape on the left door.
He told Fretwell total damage
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The YMCA Model Legislature involves approxi-
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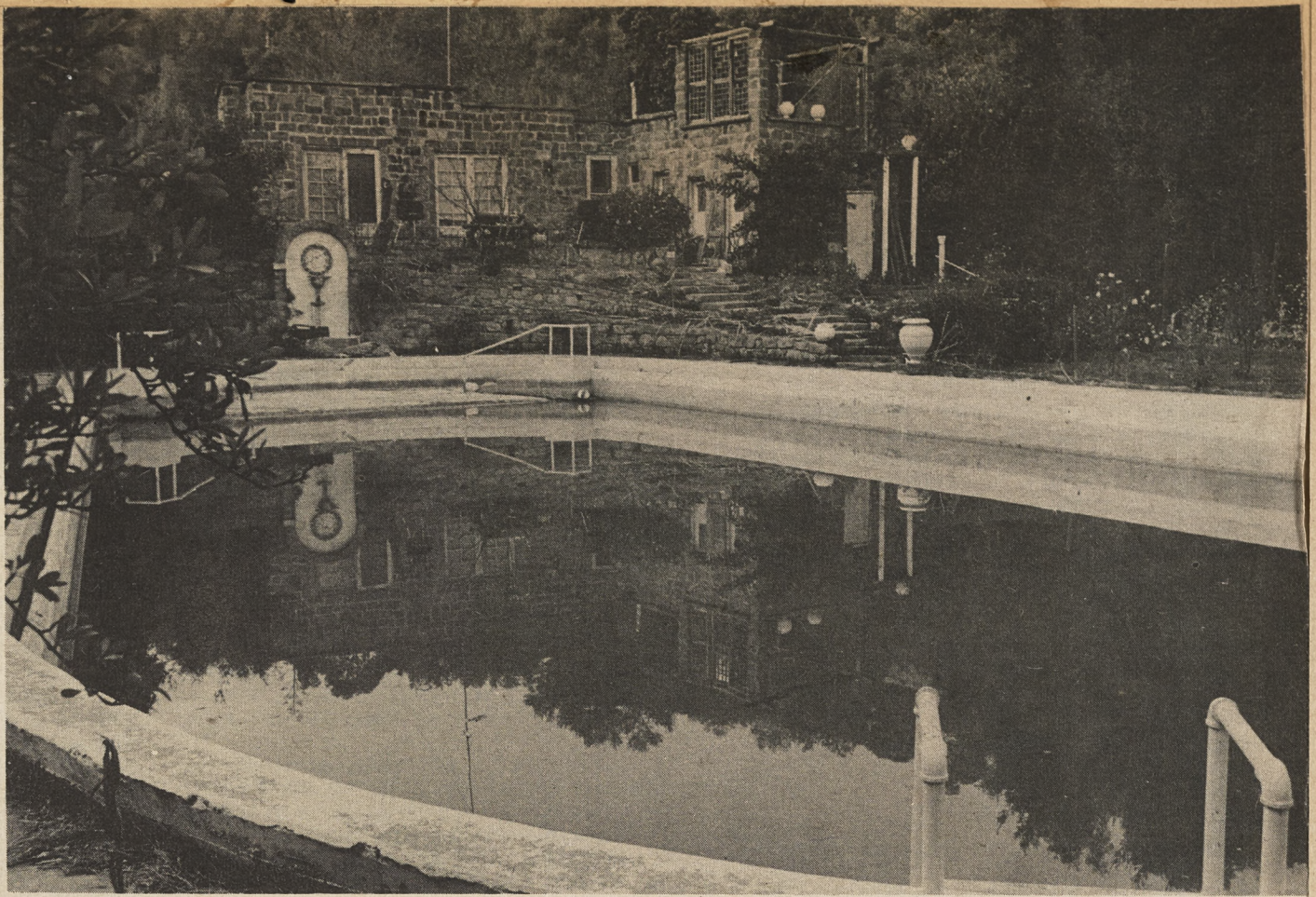
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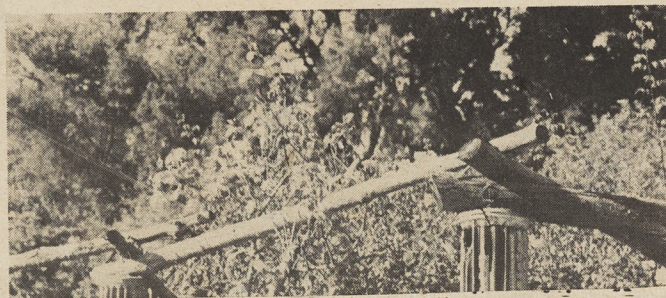
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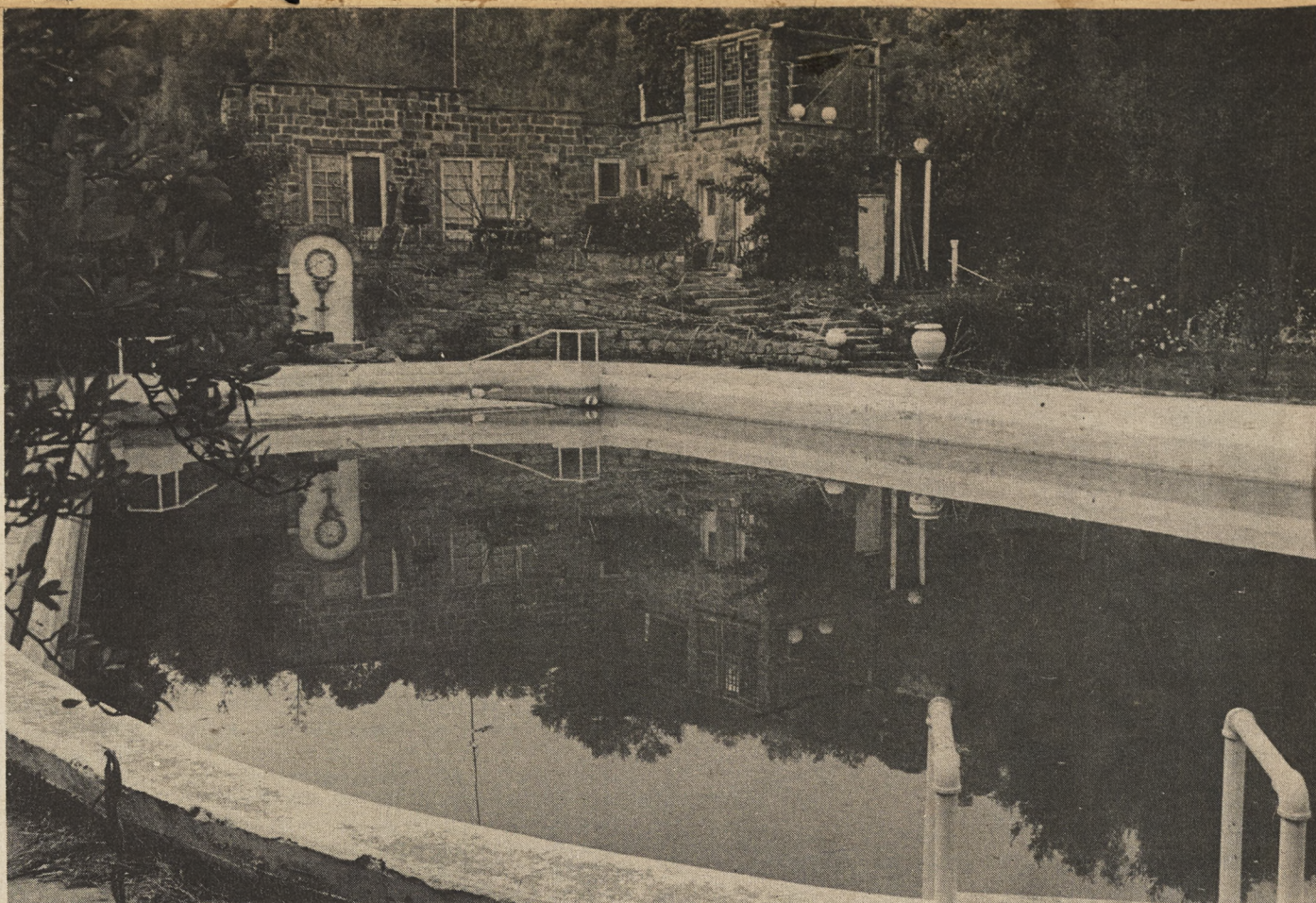
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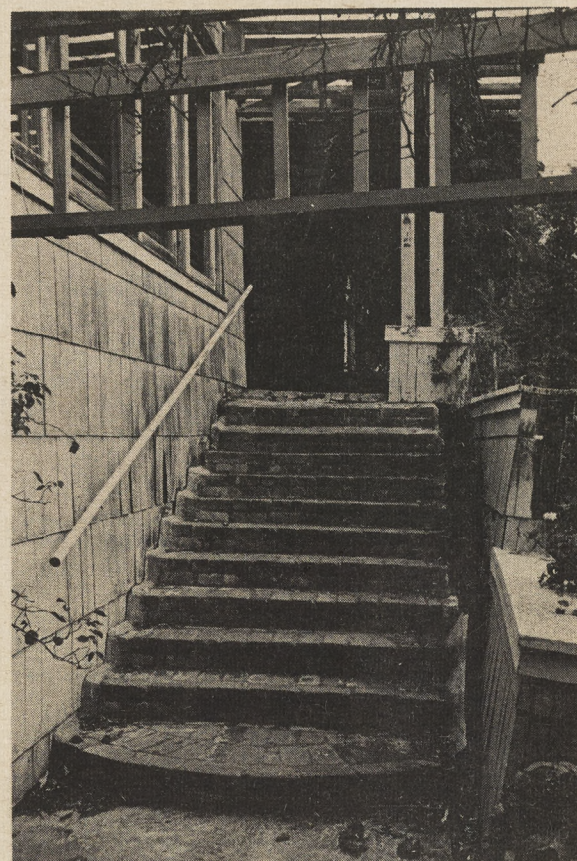
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A marker in the pet cemetery. It reads: "Angel Tony."

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City Development Freeze in Foothills

Moratorium Gives Time For Studies

An urgency ordinance placing a freeze on future developments in the foothills until the county's mountain study is completed was enacted by the City Council at its meeting Monday night.

The ordinance, approved by a 4-1 vote, becomes effective immediately.

Councilman Jerry Fitzgerald voted against the ordinance, declaring that he has always been against moratoriums.

A zoning density of one unit per five acres will be enforced during the freeze, although procedures are provided for taking property out of this mountain study zone.

The urgency measure shall be in effect for 90 days, provided that within this period a public hearing is conducted. The ordinance may be extended for one year. An additional one-year extension is also provided, giving the interim zoning a maximum period of 27 months.

The emergency ordinance providing the moratorium on developments in the foothills in Cupertino's jurisdiction was requested by the Hillside Subcommittee of the Planning Policy Committee of Santa Clara County.

A similar request is being asked of other cities whose jurisdiction include areas of the foothills which will be involved in the county's study of the Montebello Ridge area. These cities are Cupertino, Saratoga, Los Altos, Los Altos Hills, Palo Alto and unincorporated areas.

Parrish *Cupertino Council* House State Marker Urged *2-23-72*

State recognition of the E. J. Parrish House here as a historical landmark was requested by the County Board of Supervisors last week.

The City of Cupertino has already designated the house located at the northeast corner of Mary Avenue and Stevens Creek Boulevard as a city historical landmark.

In so recognizing the structure, the City Council a few years ago provided for the preservation of the building by relocating it on the city's 15-acre Memorial Park. The park, undeveloped, is located behind the Parrish House.

The council's action came after the Cupertino Historical Society, Inc., urged the preservation of the building in honor of Parrish, claimed to be Cupertino's first carpenter who built many of the community's farm houses around the turn of the century. The historical society also noted that the Parrish House reflects the community's farming heritage.

The county supervisors last week voted to ask the state to designate the house a state historical landmark as recommended by the County Parks and Recreation Commission and Historical Advisory Subcommittee.

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It has vegetation that existed before Cupertino was settled. It also has a great abundance of wildlife.

"Besides the wildlife, there is scenic beauty," said Stephen. "Mrs. Gholson and I truly believe that Regnart Canyon in all its splendor and domain should be saved. And all Cupertino residents should see the canyon and help fight to save our last foothills."

Stephen and Mrs. Gholson believe the preservation of the canyon would be assured "if people knew how beautiful the canyon is. Hardly anybody knows about Regnart Canyon."

The only souls who venture on Regnart Road as it becomes a dirt road going into the canyon are those who reside in the canyon and Stephen, of course.

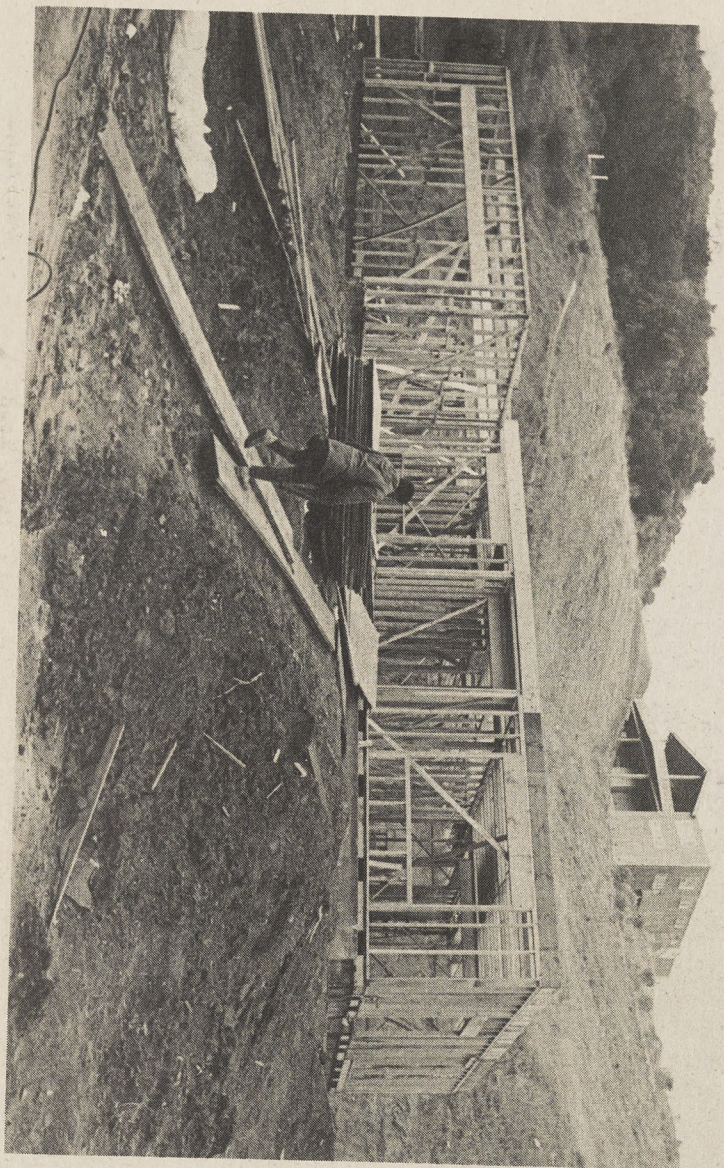
During the past few months, Stephen and Mrs. Gholson have been introducing Regnart Canyon to any person or groups willing to trek up Regnart Road. School groups, 4-H organizations, science clubs and other parties have been shown the splendor of the canyon by Mrs. Gholson and Stephen.

Persons who would like to see what their own backyard offers in the way of beauty and nature are invited to join Stephen and Mrs. Gholson on a tour. They should call Mrs. Gholson at 252-3606 for an appointment.



Possibly the tracks of a bobcat. Found on a hillside overlooking Regnart Canyon.

—Photos by Dave Dawson



Another house starts to dot the canyon

REGNART CANYON
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A Young Boy's Dream:



To Save Regnart Canyon And Its Wildlife



Eucalyptus line Regnart Creek bank.



Stephen MacKerrow using the binoculars his father gave him to aid him in his study of the hawks and other animals found in Regnart Canyon. At the top left is a red-tailed hawk hovering over Regnart Canyon.

— Photos by Dave Dawson

'Turn the Hills And Canyon into A Nature Center'

Thirteen-year-old Stephen MacKerrow has a dream.

He wants to save the beautiful Regnart Canyon and its wildlife — especially the canyon's rare hawks.

He also wants others to enjoy the canyon he has come to love by turning it into a nature center with a museum and meeting place and self-guided trails.

Stephen, an eighth grader at St. Joseph's of Cupertino Catholic School who lives at 21584 La Playa Ct., Cupertino, became aware of the canyon two years ago. He also became aware of man's threat to the canyon and its wildlife.

"It won't be long before the Santa Clara Valley is another Los Angeles," noted Stephen. "Urban sprawl is working its way into our last remaining foothills and mountains."

"Cupertino's last foothills are vanishing. Regnart Canyon is a beautiful, undeveloped canyon located in our foothills. Parts of the canyon could be called semi-wilderness. Wildlife is abundant at all times of the year."

Stephen should know. For the past two years he has made many excursions on his bike and on foot into the canyon.

"My favorite animal, which I see frequently and

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Unpaved Regnart Road at the start of its meandering through the canyon.

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find very fascinating is the red-tailed hawk. This animal is so large and powerful that he sometimes looks like an eagle," explained Stephen.

Another hawk threatened by man is the white-tailed kite, which migrates into Regnart Canyon every winter with the sparrow hawk.

The white-tailed kite is becoming extinct throughout the USA," noted Stephen. He said that the first time he saw a white-tailed kite in the canyon, "I thought it was a white-tailed hawk."

Stephen said he has seen a white-tailed kite in the canyon since January of 1971.

However, Mrs. Reg Gholson, who is working with Stephen on the nature center proposal, reported seeing five white-tailed kites over the Fremont Older Ranch yesterday.

Mrs. Gholson recalls the days that it wasn't unusual to sight one hovering over the hills where the Candy Rock subdivision is now going in. Development of this hill is the deepest penetration into the canyon of subdivisions, although there are a few residences in the canyon, including Mrs. Gholson's.

The Gholson family of 22125 Regnart Rd., like many of their neighbors, enjoy the canyon's wildlife. They feed the raccoons and opossums at night and keep a vigil for the white-tailed kite or red-tailed hawk during the day.

They also share with Stephen in the enjoyment of observing the canyon's other wildlife.

Such creatures as squirrels, rabbits, quail are plentiful in the canyon.

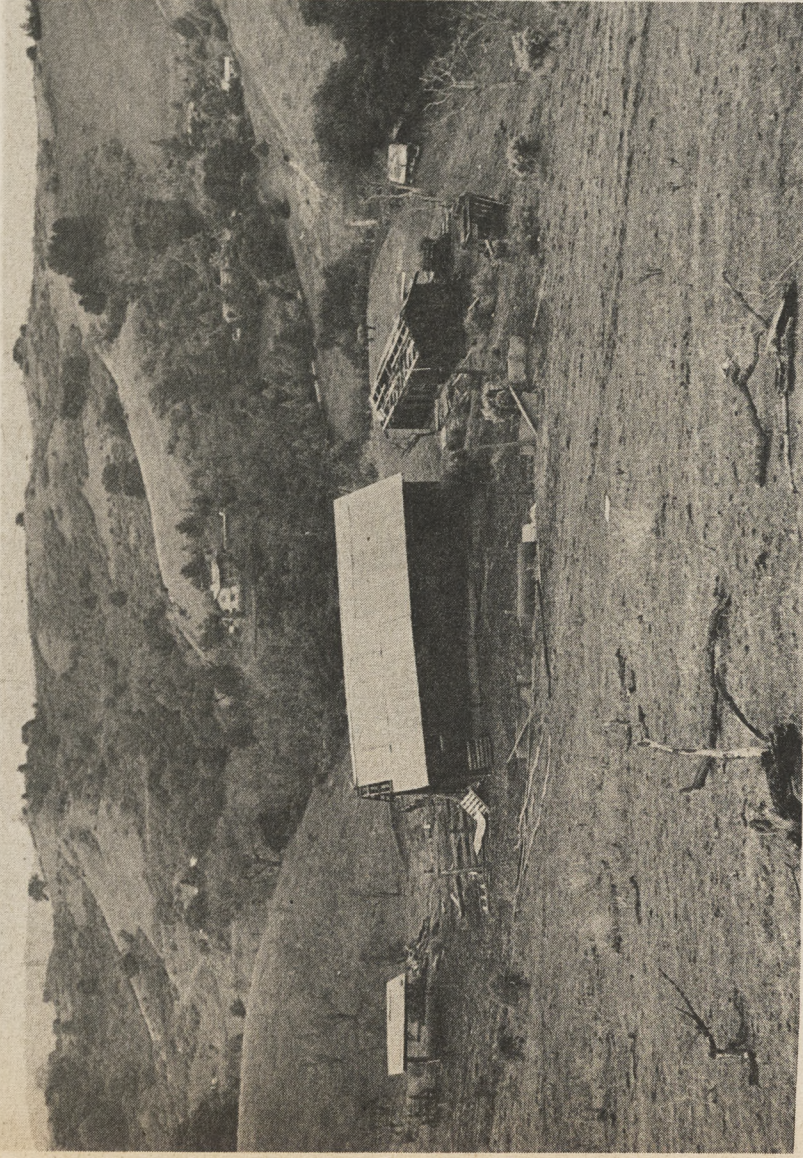
"The California Valley Quail is very common in Regnart Creek," noted Stephen. "I tried to feed them chicken food, but they didn't even look at it. This shows that quail are very smart."

Stephen's roaming through the canyon area led to his school science project being on the wildlife in the canyon. It won an honorable mention at the Santa Clara County Science Fair and a first place in the 4-H Wildlife Division at the County Fair.

Stephen said that through his observance, studies and projects of wildlife in the canyon, he has also become aware that Regnart Canyon is in danger of development in the very near future.

In discussing the situation over with Mrs. Gholson and others, they have decided that a nature center is probably the best plan to save the canyon.

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View of a small sector of the canyon. Regnart Road is in the grove of trees in the center of the photograph.

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There is the possibility that the Fremont Older Ranch, which connects with Regnart Canyon, would be incorporated into the nature center.

The Older Ranch, home of the late crusading San Francisco newspaper editor and his wife, Cora, is being planned for a 112-unit cluster housing development. At the present time the project is stymied by the annexation red-tape between Cupertino and Saratoga cities.

This proposed development and those mentioned at times for Regnart Canyon scare Stephen.

He has already watched the subdivision development creeping along Regnart Road from Bubb Road toward the heart of the canyon.

"I got desperate and wanted to do something to save the canyon," he explained. He talked with the various residents of the canyon and learned from Mrs. Gholson that the National Audubon Society was searching for a site for a new nature center in California.

He is now corresponding with the society in hopes of persuading it to locate the center in Regnart Canyon.

Stephen can visualize the whole thing right now: The Older Ranch might be used for one of the center's buildings. There would be an educational director and some staff. Visitors would follow self-guided trails to view the plants and attempt to spot some of the animals.

Guided tours would be conducted at certain times. According to information Stephen has received from the Audubon Society, a nature center is an outdoor focal point where the citizens of a community,



Mrs. Reg Gholson shares Stephen's dream in preserving the canyon for a nature center. She helps Stephen in taking groups on guided tours of the canyon and in working with him on the plans for the nature center.



both young and old, can enjoy a segment of the natural world and learn something about the inter-relationship of living and non-living things, including man's place in the ecological community.

The nature center is a fairly new concept in community education and recreation. It is not a park, nor is it a zoo.

According to the Audubon Society, "The ideal nature center is a representative sample of the natural

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Another threat to Regnart Canyon; becoming a dumping ground for debris and garbage. The wrecked Volkswagen was dumped along Regnart Creek. Other automotive debris was found further up the creek.



Stephen Mackerrow races up a trail along Regnart Creek (on the right). Stephen believes this area would be ideal for the location of the nature center.

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Fremont Older ranch:

WHAT'S BECOME of the Fremont Older ranch, that scenic, historical site at the end of Prospect road? Indications are that the 150-acre property may become the stage for some action by Cupertino area open-space supporters and persons with an interest in local history.

Displaying a strong interest in the future of this property, the mid-peninsula regional park district board passed a motion Jan. 30 concerning the ranch.

They authorized Kay Duffy, director, ward 1 of the district, to convey to the Trust for Public Land (a private foundation) and other interested agencies an expression of the board's definite interest in the Older ranch, and a request that the Trust take steps to acquire or tie up the land at an acceptable price with the view to its eventual acquisition by the park district.

THE DISTRICT cannot, however, make a commitment for the acquisition of the property until a definite proposal has been presented, according to the motion.

More recently, Mrs. Duffy submitted to

the state an application to have the Older ranch registered as a historical site.

These actions are perhaps the most noticeable part of a growing areawide movement to preserve the Older property. The mid-peninsula regional park district has received letters requesting it take action from conservationist organizations, teachers, grade school children and interested citizens alike.

THE LETTERS point to the possible uses for the land. As summarized by Mrs. Duffy in a report to the park district, the property could be kept as is, used as a wildlife sanctuary and nature study area, linked with the surrounding area by trails for riding and hiking, used as a historical center, or developed, with clustering and open space dedication.

The land lies between Cupertino and Saratoga in an unincorporated area, and is adjacent to the Seven Springs ranch of Jack Lyddon, adjacent to Regnart canyon, adjacent to Garrod ranch, near Stevens Creek park, and adjacent to the Nellis property. About half of the property consists of rolling

meadow and woodlands, and the ranch is home for a variety of wildlife.

THE ONLY vehicular access to the land is a chuck-holed, dirt road which is a continuation of Prospect road. There are three buildings on the ranch — a small gray cottage near the entrance, an adobe bathhouse and a gray, vine-covered ranch house with large picture windows.

Purchased by crusading San Francisco newspaper editor Fremont Older in 1913, the ranch was a meeting place of such notables as Lincoln Steffens, Carl Sandburg, Sinclair Lewis, John Dewey and W. R. Hearst.

Now the property is within an area under building moratorium through the Monte Bello ridge study. Plans were previously discussed to develop this property in conjunction with the Seven Springs ranch.

BUT PRESERVING the ranch is foremost in the minds of those who have communicated with the park district. The Sunnyvale-Cupertino branch of the

American Association of University Women as well as the Los Gatos-Saratoga branch, the Cupertino citizens goals committee, the Sierra club-Loma prieta chapter, League of Women Voters, California history center at De Anza college, Cupertino historical society and San Jose historic landmarks commission have voiced support for acquisition of the Older ranch for preservation.

The list of individuals supporting the acquisition is long, including Superintendent William W. Monahan of the Fremont union high school district, and third graders at Hoover school.

The land is currently held by the Bank of America in trust for the heirs of Cora Older. In a previous agreement, which was not met by the due date, the land was up for sale for \$436,000. A private foundation can negotiate to purchase the land and can then resell it to a public agency such as the park district.

Mrs. Duffy has been charged with reporting back to the park district board on the status of the land. She will be submitting reports as any developments occur.

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Plans for the 1972-73 Armchair Traveler Sunday Film Series include cinematic visits to Switzerland, France, Italy, Spain, Portugal, Greece, Turkey, and the Middle East.

FILM SERIES

Mrs. Etinger, an experienced traveler, has lived and worked in Turkey, and has toured extensively in the Middle East. She is currently a travel agent in Sunnyvale and is instructor for an Office of Community Services class given by De Anza and Foothill Colleges titled "European Culture and Travel."

Four expert travelers gather at Flint Center on the De Anza College campus in Cupertino this Sunday at 2:30 p.m. for the final event in the Armchair Traveler film series — the World Traveler Workshop.

TRAVELER WORKSHOP

How can you make your vacation photos look like something better than vacation photos?

Audience questions on political and social happenings abroad, monetary exchanges, filming, modes of travel and other topics will be answered by David Moilliet, manager of the San Francisco Office of the Canadian Government Travel Bureau; Morgan Lawrence, manager of the Singapore Tourist Promotion Board; Stuart Roe, photographer, film-maker and member of the faculty at Foothill College; and Joyce Etinger, travel agent and instructor for classes in European travel.

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—Photo by Dave Dawson

Dinner-Dance Slated

Fund Drive Starts to Restore Parrish House

Efforts to save the Parrish House, a city historical landmark, are now underway, according to the Cupertino Historical Society, Inc.

Members of the historical society are urging the community to help them in their efforts to save the building located on Stevens Creek Boulevard at Mary Avenue, across from De Anza College.

The historical society is inviting residents to a fund-raising dinner-dance on Saturday, May 6, at St. Michael the Archangel Serbian Hall, 18770 Allendale Ave., Saratoga.

The event is also in honor of City Historian Louis Stocklmeir.

Joe Adamo is in charge of the dinner, assisted by Tish Picchetti, Jeannie Ryder, Josephine Mikulaco, Cris Andersen, Catherine Gasich and George Fernandez.

Music will be provided by Don Frolich's Jazz Band.

Tickets are on sale at the Cupertino Chamber of Commerce Office located in the Cupertino Town Center complex on Saratoga-Sunnyvale Road, or by calling

867-3614, 252-6933 or 262-6065.

The City Council has authorized the location of the Parrish House on the city's 15-acre Memorial Park at the corner of Stevens Creek and Mary, when the park is developed.

The historical society was successful a few years ago in its campaign to save the house from being razed. They argued that it represents that era in Cupertino's history when it was known for its agricultural business, which flourished at the turn of the century and into the 1940s. Besides being of the architectural style of the local farming houses of that period, the structure's other historical significance is that it was built by E. J. Parrish, Cupertino's first carpenter. Parrish built many of the area's farm houses.

The house will be compatible to the park's theme. In naming the park several years ago, the City Council explained that the park would be dedicated to all the early settlers and residents of Cupertino who have helped to build the community.

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De Anza is located at Stevens Creek Road in Cupertino, California. The center for the Performing Arts and Stelling Road in Cupertino, California.

The gallery was opened last June and the courtyard with Flint Center Arts.



**Two Cupertino High Freshmen
Get a Big Score — Almost Shot?**

An over-zealous security guard is being sought for questioning after he aimed a pistol at two Cupertino High School freshmen on Sunday evening, May 28.

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against the employee, stating that
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A son, David Nathaniel, was
born to Mr. and Mrs. Terry L.
Fish of 10127 Byrne Ave.,
Cupertino, on May 29 at the Good

BIRTH
 Tickets are \$1.50 for general admission and \$1 for students and senior citizens, and will be available at the door.

Joelle Manning.
"The Telephone." Other students are Cathy Carlsen and "Spring Spectacular II" mark the end of the chorale's fifth concert season.

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An instrumental ensemble be provided by the De A Dr. Herb Patnoe of the Fine Arts faculty. Robert is accomplished.

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Open space: Goal is conservation

Goals and guidelines for protecting Cupertino's parks, scenic areas and natural resources are included in the extensive open space and conservation element of the city's general plan approved last week by the City Planning Commission.

The open space element, which will come before the city council for its approval Sept. 18, is considered an interim measure since no element can be final until all elements of the general plan have been evaluated.

Other information, resulting from the Montebello Ridge Study conducted by the County Planning Department in cooperation with Cupertino and other cities, will be added later this year.

INCLUDES SURROUNDING AREA

The element covers the city's sphere of influence, an area larger than Cupertino itself. Coordination between the city and county will be required in carrying out goals for open space.

Besides setting down general goals for the provision of open space and preservation of scenic resources, wildlife and vegetation, the element established specific goals pertaining to the hillsides and to parks and recreation.

Relating to hillsides, the plan established the goal of fostering "sustained recognition that the hills are a natural resource of local and area-wide importance."

PROTECT ENVIRONMENT

This goal is to be achieved through implementing policies for environmental protection.

Developers and governmental jurisdictions should be encouraged to provide for permanent open space on the hillsides by means of clustering residential developments. Designating geologically hazardous areas and acquiring lands by purchase or other means for open space needs are also urged in the element.

Development should be prohibited within areas which are hazardous due to steep slopes, landslide threats, flooding or fire, in addition, the element notes, "unless adequate provisions can be made for the safety of the occupants."

CONSERVATION URGED

The element urges conservation of watershed lands, ridge crests, streamsides, tree stands and other natural features, by means of zoning and ordinances and other means.

The recreational and educational potential of the hillsides should be promoted, the element states, by seeking public support of park and trail systems and encouraging private operation of recreational developments.

Legislative action should be encouraged to give tax relief and other incentives to preserve agricultural and scenic lands, the element states.

AREAS OF GREEN

In regard to parks and recreation, the element sets down four goals. The first is "to provide areas of green within the reach of every resident for rest and relaxation."

This goal is to be attained by maintaining an adequate ratio of park land to citizens, utilizing bond issues for park acquisition and development, and developing unused school properties in park-like settings, among other policies.

The second goal, "to press for the development of adjacent and regional park facilities," is followed by a policy to urge the county to complete development of Stevens Creek Park, and seek county cooperation on the development of a Stevens Creek park strip.

SKYLINE PARKWAY PROJECT

The policy also urges participation in a Skyline parkway project, and the development of a park chain connecting parks in the Cupertino area with the ocean.

Goal III on parks and recreation aims "to provide for hiking and equestrian trails in the foothills" by development of a master trail plan.

The fourth goal aims at encouraging the development of recreation facilities and programs "which can enhance the enjoyment of life for every age group."

EMPHASIZES RECREATION

For this goal policies suggest emphasis be placed on

recreation activities which draw all age groups together: concerts, hikes, family biking, arts and crafts, swimming, camping and tennis.

A senior citizen center, teen center, drug information channel, pre-school play areas and supplemental adult facilities will also help carry out this goal, according to the element's policies.

The element includes inventories of existing and proposed park sites. Currently there are 65.4 acres of park sites owned or being acquired by the city, some of which are already developed parks.

50 ACRES OF PARKS

The open space element also includes approximately 50

acres as proposed neighborhood and community park sites, although the planning commission and staff noted this is not all the city is aiming for, but is rather an interim figure.

Included in these 50 acres are: improvements at Portal and Wilson parks; addition to Cupertino Memorial Park; improvement at Stevens Creek Park; development of a linear park, Heney Creek Park; development of Garden Gate Minipark; improvement of surplus school property at Faria and Monta Vista parks and development of a neighborhood and community park, Seven Springs Park, to be adjacent to an elementary school and a junior high school serving the area.

Utilization of school grounds jointly with the city is emphasized in this interim plan.

MOSTLY STEEP HILL AREA

Approximately 800 acres of proposed park sites and open area for city-wide use are included in the listing of park lands. Most of this area is steep hill area on the fringes of the built-up part of the city.

This park area includes Stevens Creek Park chain, Permanente Park, Oak Meadows Park and Kaiser Park. Existing regional county park sites constitute about 1,600 acres and includes all land within Cupertino's sphere of influence owned by the county intended for park and recreational use.

Proposed regional county park sites take up approximately 1,700 acres and include Permanente Creek park and extensions of Stevens Creek County Park and Upper Stevens Creek County Park.

COMPUTED BY POPULATION

The open space element notes that a county planning department study computed park area in relation to population.

According to this study, the standards widely used for neighborhood parks are 2.25 acres per 1,000 population minimum, 3.0 average and 5.0 optimum. For community parks, standards are 2.0 minimum, 2.50 average and 3.0 optimum.

The open space element adopts as a goal the average standard of 3.0 acres per 1,000 population for neighborhood parks and 2.5 acres for community parks. Area computations would include school property used jointly with the city for public parks use.

QUARRYING SHOULD BE AVOIDED

In other guidelines, the element notes that adverse visual impact of large quarrying operations should be avoided if possible and an ordinance should be enacted to rehabilitate scarred areas when excavation ceases.

— Phil Darnall Photo
see the inside pages of The Courier.
Cupertino Parks and Recreation Dept. classes, are the teachers. For a complete schedule of November. Betsy Byrne and Marion Anderson eight-week session is scheduled to begin in years of age will begin Monday, Sept. 18. Another for youngsters three years, nine months, to five painting skills using both hands. Tiny Tot classes A Tiny Tot "student" demonstrates expert

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WEALTHY FRENCHMAN

Louis Portal, a wealthy Frenchman, purchased the land between the present day Blaney Avenue and Wolfe Road in 1887 and planted it in vineyards.

In the midst of his vineyards he built his mansion, constructing a captain's walk around an ornate cupola where he would stroll and with the use of powerful telescope scan his vineyards daily to detect slow workers.

The blight of 1910-15 destroyed not only Portal's vineyards, but all those in the valley. With his vineyards gone, Portal decided to return to France.

IDLEWILD GREENS

According to Lewis, the house and property were purchased by George Yamaoka of Sunnyvale in 1954 from Mr. and Mrs. Michael Caputo. In 1959 Yamaoka sold part of the land, including the mansion, to the Rousseau Development Co. for a housing development, Idlewild Greens.

"On Oct. 6, 1959, the old mansion was felled to make way for modernity," writes Lewis. "A large housing tract stands there today."

Yamaoka built a shopping center in 1961 on the four acres of frontage property he retained along Stevens Creek Boulevard. He named the center after the mansion's original owner, Portal Plaza Shopping Center.

UNFORTUNATE

"It is unfortunate that this old landmark was not preserved as a museum in order to give people today an idea of what it was like in Cupertino in the 1800s," writes Lewis. "The famous weathervane with the initial 'P' stamped out was removed, along with the

metal grillwork along the captain's walk and the stained glass windows, by former owner G. Yamaoka.

"All the rest was lost to the bulldozer and cables of the wrecking crew," writes Lewis.

Besides the two articles on Cupertino, the book contains articles on the development of Palo Alto and its eventual annexation of Mayfield, on early Los Altos, on Awalt and Mountain View, on Martin Murphy, Jr., and Sunnyvale, and on the eventual disappearance of the towns of Lexington and Alma, which were covered

by the creation of the Lexington reservoir off Highway 17 in 1954.

The articles are illustrated by Helen Davie.

The book, County Chronicles, is edited by Margery Quackenbush. It is Volume Nine of the Local History Studies' series of books on Santa Clara County History and it may be purchased at \$2 a copy in the bookstore at De Anza College.



Developer George Yamaoka takes a last look at the Portal house minutes before the Cupertino landmark was razed on Oct. 6, 1959.

—1959 Photo from Courier Files



This is the view motorists traveling Stevens Creek Boulevard could observe as they passed the once prominent estate of Louis Portal.

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Early History Essay Contest Open to Public

Santa Clara County Historical and Genealogical Society is sponsoring a contest of essays on early settlers of the county and is open to anyone, whether his specialty is creative writing, history or genealogy.

Persons wishing to enter must pay an entry fee of \$3 and write to the Society at the Santa Clara Central Library, 2635 Homestead Rd., Santa Clara, 95051, for an entry blank and contest rules.

First prize is a \$25 savings bond and deadline is midnight, Sept. 1, with winners to be announced by Oct. 1.

The essay should be a story of any family which was in the county before 1900. It should include some exact dates and locations and narrative biography and be based largely on primary sources.

Winning essay will appear in the Society's "Quarterly," which has nation-wide circulation. All essays will be shelved in the California Room of the Santa Clara Central Library for the use of historical and genealogical students.

Open space: Goal is conservation

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Goals and guidelines for protecting Cupertino's parks, scenic areas and natural resources are included in the extensive open space and conservation element of the city's general plan approved last week by the City Planning Commission.

The open space element, which will come before the city council for its approval Sept. 18, is considered an interim measure since no element can be final until all elements of the general plan have been evaluated.

Other information, resulting from the Montebello Ridge Study conducted by the County Planning Department in cooperation with Cupertino and other cities, will be added later this year.

INCLUDES SURROUNDING AREA

The element covers the city's sphere of influence, an area larger than Cupertino itself. Coordination between the city and county will be required in carrying out goals for open space.

Besides setting down general goals for the provision of open space and preservation of scenic resources, wildlife and vegetation, the element established specific goals pertaining to the hillsides and to parks and recreation.

Relating to hillsides, the plan established the goal of fostering "sustained recognition that the hills are a natural resource of local and area-wide importance."

PROTECT ENVIRONMENT

This goal is to be achieved through implementing policies for environmental protection.

Developers and governmental jurisdictions should be encouraged to provide for permanent open space on the hillsides by means of clustering residential developments. Designating geologically hazardous areas and acquiring lands by purchase or other means for open space needs are also urged in the element.

Development should be prohibited within areas which are hazardous due to steep slopes, landslide threats, flooding or fire, in addition, the element notes, "unless adequate provisions can be made for the safety of the occupants."

CONSERVATION URGED

The element urges conservation of watershed lands, ridge crests, streamsides, tree stands and other natural features, by means of zoning and ordinances and other means.

The recreational and educational potential of the hillsides should be promoted, the element states, by seeking public support of park and trail systems and encouraging private operation of recreational developments.

Legislative action should be encouraged to give tax relief and other incentives to preserve agricultural and scenic lands, the element states.

AREAS OF GREEN

In regard to parks and recreation, the element sets down four goals. The first is "to provide areas of green within the reach of every resident for rest and relaxation."

This goal is to be attained by maintaining an adequate ratio of park land to citizens, utilizing bond issues for park acquisition and development, and developing unused school properties in park-like settings, among other policies.

The second goal, "to press for the development of adjacent and regional park facilities," is followed by a policy to urge the county to complete development of Stevens Creek Park, and seek county cooperation on the development of a Stevens Creek park strip.

SKYLINE PARKWAY PROJECT

The policy also urges participation in a Skyline parkway project, and the development of a park chain connecting parks in the Cupertino area with the ocean.

Goal III on parks and recreation aims "to provide for hiking and equestrian trails in the foothills" by development of a master trail plan.

The fourth goal aims at encouraging the development of recreation facilities and programs "which can enhance the enjoyment of life for every age group."

EMPHASIZES RECREATION

For this goal policies suggest emphasis be placed on

recreation activities which draw all age groups together: concerts, hikes, family biking, arts and crafts, swimming, camping and tennis.

A senior citizen center, teen center, drug information channel, pre-school play areas and supplemental adult facilities will also help carry out this goal, according to the element's policies.

The element includes inventories of existing and proposed park sites. Currently there are 65.4 acres of park sites owned or being acquired by the city, some of which are already developed parks.

50 ACRES OF PARKS

The open space element also includes approximately 50

acres as proposed neighborhood and community park sites, although the planning commission and staff noted this is not all the city is aiming for, but is rather an interim figure.

Included in these 50 acres are: improvements at Portal and Wilson parks; addition to Cupertino Memorial Park; improvement at Stevens Creek Park; development of a linear park, Heney Creek Park; development of Garden Gate Minipark; improvement of surplus school property at Faria and Monta Vista parks and development of a neighborhood and community park, Seven Springs Park, to be adjacent to an elementary school and a junior high school serving the area.

Utilization of school grounds jointly with the city is emphasized in this interim plan.

MOSTLY STEEP HILL AREA

Approximately 800 acres of proposed park sites and open area for city-wide use are included in the listing of park lands. Most of this area is steep hill area on the fringes of the built-up part of the city.

This park area includes Stevens Creek Park chain, Permanente Park, Oak Meadows Park and Kaiser Park. Existing regional county park sites constitute about 1,600 acres and includes all land within Cupertino's sphere of influence owned by the county intended for park and recreational use.

Proposed regional county park sites take up approximately 1,700 acres and include Permanente Creek park and extensions of Stevens Creek County Park and Upper Stevens Creek County Park.

COMPUTED BY POPULATION

The open space element notes that a county planning department study computed park area in relation to population.

According to this study, the standards widely used for neighborhood parks are 2.25 acres per 1,000 population minimum, 3.0 average and 5.0 optimum. For community parks, standards are 2.0 minimum, 2.50 average and 3.0 optimum.

The open space element adopts as a goal the average standard of 3.0 acres per 1,000 population for neighborhood parks and 2.5 acres for community parks. Area computations would include school property used jointly with the city for public parks use.

QUARRYING SHOULD BE AVOIDED

In other guidelines, the element notes that adverse visual impact of large quarrying operations should be avoided if possible and an ordinance should be enacted to rehabilitate scarred areas when excavation ceases.

Further residential development should be prevented in the San Andreas rift zone, the open space element recommends. Commercial recreational use could continue and be expanded there subject to some regulations.

The San Andreas is the only known active earthquake fault zone within Cupertino's sphere of influence.

SCENIC HIGHWAYS NAMED

Four scenic highways are included in the open space element, Skyline Boulevard, Mount Eden Road, Stevens Canyon Road and Montebello Road. Residential and other development must be kept at a distance from a scenic highway, the element notes.

The element also urges that a proposed extension of the trail system through Santa Cruz county to the ocean should be made a reality. A continuous system of separate hiking and riding trails should also be provided within appropriate areas, the element notes.

CONSERVATION GUIDELINES

In its conservation guidelines, the element urges: the enactment of ordinances to prevent activities causing erosion, risk for landslides or pollution; enforcement of zoning, subdivision and grading ordinances; forestation programs, and preservation of economically viable vineyards, orchards and other agricultural uses as well as historical landmarks.

The open space element also lists eight ordinances and areas of regulation, some of which are now being drafted, to aid in implementing the open space, recreation and conservation programs.

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Students quickly respond to a ring of the school bell which calls them back to class after recess. The children appreciate their natural surroundings and are quick to comment on the smog in the valley.

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Plans to build new school

Montebello: end of an era

By BRENDA NELSON
Staff Writer

THE ERA OF ONE-ROOM schoolhouses in Santa Clara valley is coming to an end as the 80-year-old Montebello elementary school is seeing its last days.

Despite previous efforts to unify the one-school district with another district in the valley, and despite a continuous effort by the state to rule the school "unnecessary," community residents have repeatedly fought for the school.

Last week it was decided that the school building would have to be removed or demolished since it does not meet state earthquake standards.

ACCORDING TO MRS. MILDRED JONES — superintendent, teacher, janitor and counselor — a new school will be built on the property unless the state decides to rule the school unnecessary.

An architect drew plans for the new school on the blackboard last week and the 16 students copied the plans on paper.

Mrs. Jones believes that her students are not depersonalized. Since the students are involved with the functions of the community and residents come to the school to vote, Mrs. Jones believes, "We are keeping democracy growing from the grass roots."

ONCE A MONTH THE STUDENTS pick up garbage along Montebello road and take it down to the ranger. They are taught to have pride in their community.

It is not uncommon for students to see a baby fox looking in the window, a raccoon eating a misplaced lunch or a deer grazing near the school.

The background of the students varies and many speak a language other than English at home. Some of the students

have attended other schools and a few have stayed at Montebello since kindergarten. Mrs. Jones hopes to teach up to eighth grade when the new building is completed.

Mrs. Jones' son, Jerrold, a student at the University of Santa Clara, works with the kindergarten students in the mornings as a student teacher.

THE 12-SQUARE MILE DISTRICT has 200 residents and transports students to school in a bus. Each Christmas students present a program of skits and plays. Usually, more than 65 people attend the potluck function at the school.

The old-fashioned school building includes one classroom, a storage room and a service porch. The building does not have an automated alarm system and students are called to class by an old-fashioned school bell.

"This bell is the school, it is the original bell from the beginning of the school," she explained. According to Mrs. Jones the bell is taken on all field trips and outings and students respond to it by a system of "conditioned reflexes."

LOCATED ON MONTEBELLO ROAD, approximately three miles up from Stevens Canyon road, the school is on the right side of the road. Only a knocked-down yellow state school sign warns traffic on the winding mountain road of the location of the school.

During recess students are allowed to use the play equipment or climb in the treehouse and forts. On a rainy day it is not uncommon for the boys to return to class with mud on their clothes. Last week one of the boys had to go home and change clothes when he fell down the side-hill.

Commenting on their opinions of the schools in the valley, the students said in unison, "We don't have to put up with smog or having some bigger guy pushing us around."

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smog and for the people who litter their mountain community.

This old-fashioned type school is similar to the new differentiated staffing that is being experimented with in local schools. Mrs. Jones said that some of the older children help the younger ones with their lessons.

While the community realizes that the one-school district is not the most efficient way to educate their children, they are willing to financially support the school. At the present time, plans are being made to move the school to another location rather than have it demolished.

While old pictures of the school are posted around the room, a flag flies proudly outside. In 1896 school officials decided that this was a good location for a flag pole so that the flag could be seen from the valley.

The flag still flies from this historic location, symbolic of the community residents' continued fight for their old-fashioned school.

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*That white
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Christmas dream

You'll have to dream of a White Christmas because the snow probably won't last that long. Temperatures remained low all last week and snow caused problems in the mountains. Pretty, though.





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A chat with Lou Stocklmeir

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By KATE WAKERLY

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Strawberries--and 'the world's best cherries'

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By DARA PEARLMAN
Staff Writer

IF YOU SENSED something was missing when you drove down Sunnyvale-Saratoga road this week but you couldn't decide exactly what, take another look at the west side of the street, just south of Fremont avenue.

The Regnart vegetable stand, an area landmark for 40 years, is gone.

If Maurice Regnart had had his way he'd still be there selling strawberries and avocados but the situation was beyond his control. Back in September his landlord Steve Lobrovich passed away and his heirs sold the land to condominium builders.

SUNDAY WAS Regnart's last day and Monday the bulldozers came. "We could've stayed another 30 days," Mrs. Regnart commented, but they'll be taking down the trees and we didn't want to stay with all the dust."

Regnart, who will be 64 on May 22, was born and raised on Cupertino's Regnart ranch, the grandson of one of the valley's original pioneers.

When the going got rough during the depression he found work with Mrs. Nelson "who owned apricot orchards and the biggest stand on Highway 9 (Sunnyvale-Saratoga road)."

ON THE ADVICE of his brother he approached Lobrovich about renting the stand near Fremont. "I asked about a lease but he said a handshake was the only lease he

would give. I rented the stand for \$30 a month and when they widened the highway he raised it to \$50. That's what I've been paying all these years."

Before Regnart took over the stand it was run by a Mr. Hansen who supplied his business with a dance floor and a couple of machines.

"It was three years before the business really got going. In the winter time I could prune trees and do gardening but then I bought a truck for bringing in the fruit and I made a good living."

REGNART RECALLS that back in 1933 Saratoga-Sunnyvale road was only two lanes wide and on weekdays four to five minutes could go by between cars.

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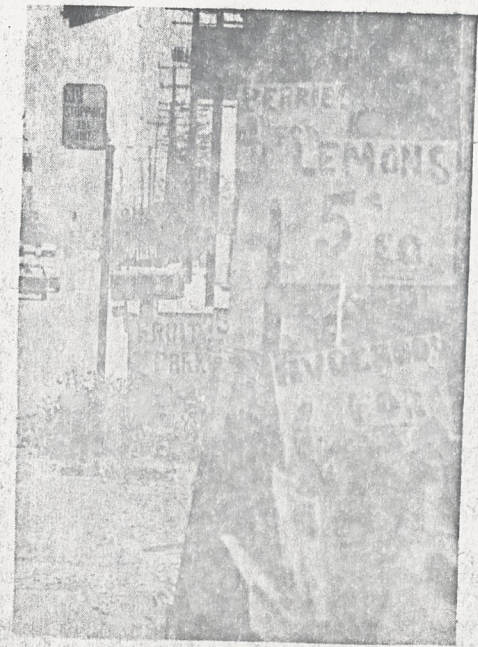
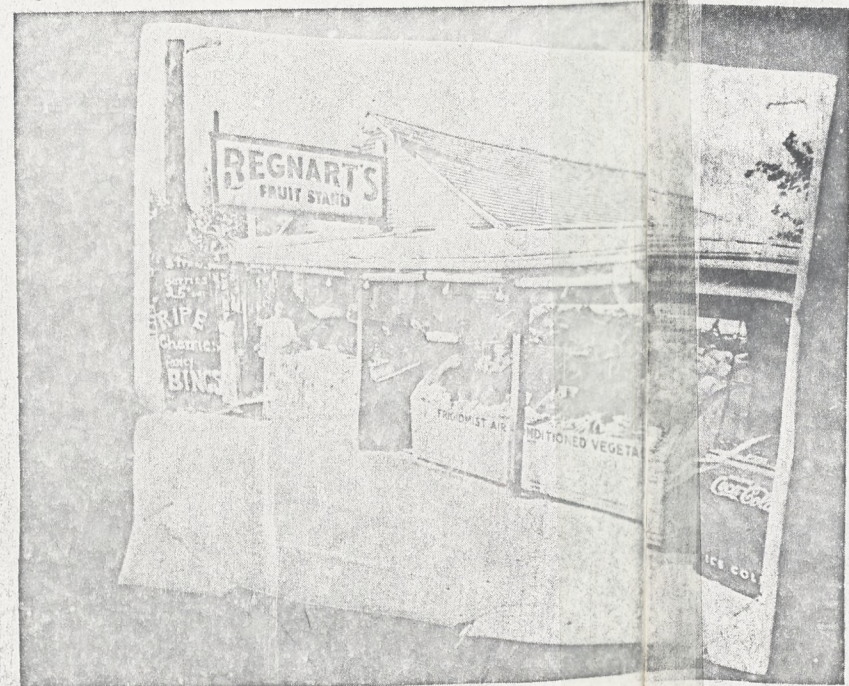
Ten years ago Regnart built a refrigeration room to keep the produce from wilting before the customers came and over the years he set up his two other fruit stands on El Camino Real.

Now that this is closing he and his wife aren't sure what they'll be doing. "One thing's for sure," he says, "I can't be idle. Running a fruit stand is the only thing I know, but I'm sure I'll do something."



Something's missing on the highway — a fruit and vegetable stand once sold strawberries three baskets for a quarter. The photo at right shows Regnart market in years past, attracting motorists with its active "Frigidmist air-conditioned vegetables."

by Gordon Lew



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A recollection of past things

By FRANCIS MORIARTY

THERE ARE a lot of persons who still call Charles Baer "Mr. Cupertino" and with good reason.

He's been here since his birth in 1894, living almost all of those 80 years within eyesight of the same intersection. He left once, joining the 823 Aerosquadron during World War I as a Sopwith Camel test pilot in Yates, England, then returned to purchase his father's blacksmith shop which stood where Stevens Creek boulevard now runs.

"I didn't stay with it," Baer says, "I'd worked for a couple of years in the shop after high school but I saw too many model T's floating around so I opened a garage in 1922." It was a Shell station and the one he operates today stands near the same spot, at Cupertino's crossroads.

He later married his wife, Ethyle, two years his junior and a very particular collector of antiques.

"SHE HAD A model T coupe," Baer reminisces, "and every now and then she'd ask me for some money and take off and I wouldn't know what she bought until she came back."

Over the years, Mrs. Baer — presently convalescing in a nursing home — amassed an extensive and valuable collection of American antiques. Some were produced in California, but most were carried out here by early settlers, like the aged Helvetia music box with the tin-plate records, the square-nailed Connecticut clock, the mammoth brass Indian charcoal heater — all of which still work perfectly.

Some of them are now on exhibition on the "platform of the arts" at the Parham-Cabral realty office. Baer and Dorothy Hawkinson, herself a collector, teamed together to produce a three-room model of a last-century home, authentic down to the last glass milk bottle.

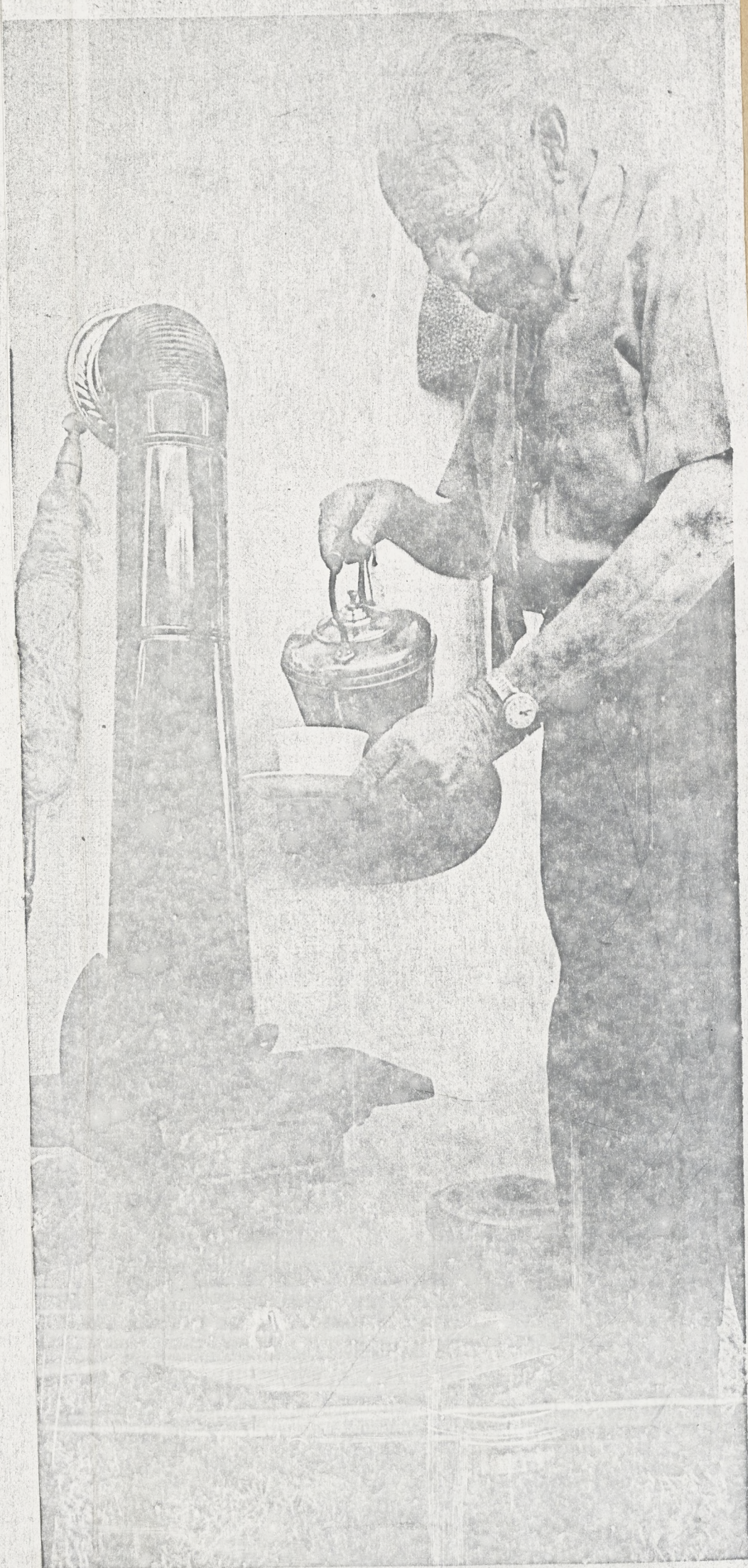
THE PIECES ARE but a fraction of the antiques crowded into Baer's 1903 home, a 10-room dwelling designed by grocer Archie Wilson. The house includes a dance platform, put in, according to Baer, "so the young folks would have a place to entertain themselves."

Included in the exhibit is a century-old "spool bed," so named because the method of lathing the wood produced an ornate post at each corner, styled like so many stacked thread spools. It was produced in Santa Clara by the P.M. Mill.

NEAR THE twin-sized bed is a small children's doll, dressed in the simple frontier garb of the late 1800's, the plaything of Ethyle Baer when she was a small girl.

A white porcelain washbowl and pitcher grace a simple pine washstand with built-in towel racks. A straight-edged razor, sharpening strap, shaving brush and mug rest nearby. There is even a long-handled

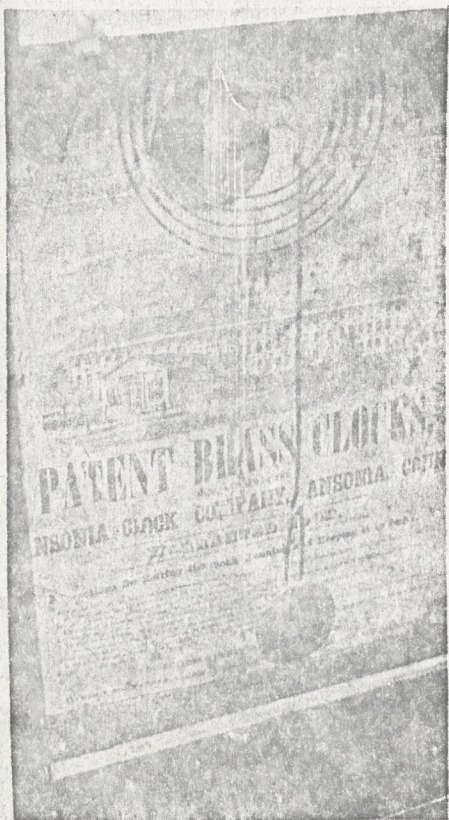
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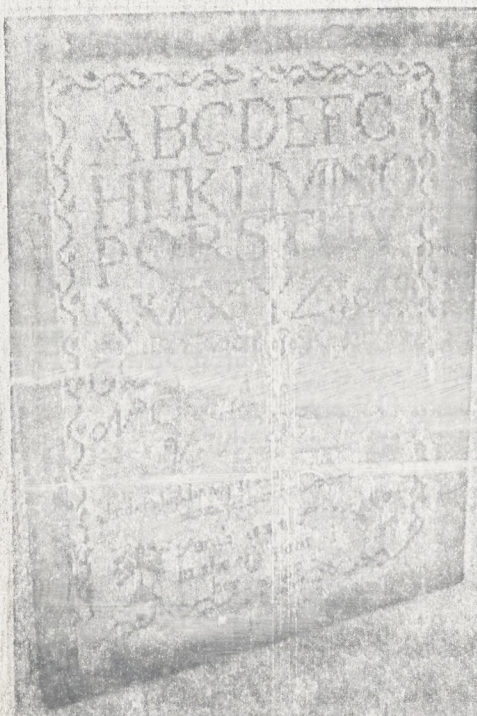
Taking tea at three from one of his many pieces of kitchen copperware is Charles Baer, whose wife Ethyle collected most of the articles on display. The small stove was probably meant for use in someone's room.



A Scot dance tune turns.



"If fast, lower pendulum."



Sleeper's sampler rests on the bedroom wall.



Reflections on a comfortable past. The patchwork quilt and ruffled pillow sham cover a Santa Clara "spool bed".

copper bedwarmer, forerunner of today's electric blanket.

The parlor set is in the early Victorian period. A curving, hand-carved, burgundy velvet loveseat is flanked by a pair of pink tufted Mr. and Mrs. chairs — hers is armless and delicate, his has arms, more bulk and an accompanying brass spittoon.

THE KITCHEN is composed of a cast iron woodstove, walnut cottage-type table, cane-seat chairs — one an 1840's ladderback chair — and a four-shelf "pie safe" with wire doors, perfect for protecting cooling baked goods from hungry passers-by.

Baer's house is filled with items — a three-centuries old grandfather's clock (one of about 20 clocks, according to Mrs. Hawkinson), a pot-bellied stove still used for warmth, old lamps and furnishings of every description. But Baer fears for it all.

"My home is in a proposed park district," he says, "and it may be torn down. But I've got a lawyer and we're fighting it. I wouldn't mind leaving it to the people of Cupertino for historical purposes. We just want to spend the rest of our days there in peace."

The display of antiques will be on display through the end of the month. The office is open to the public from 9 to 5 Monday through Saturday and from 11 to 5 on Sunday.



It's approaching a century since Vincent Picchetti built this house. Today it is the occasional residence of a laboring couple who have worked the apricot, prune and pear orchards for years.

The men played bocce for brandy

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property in its early days as a homestead.

"I came here when I was 19," recounts Mrs. Picchetti, and began living with my sister-in-law, Anita Picchetti, and the rest of the family. Anita and I raised our children as if they were all brothers and sisters. She lived out here with me for 51 years and we got along fine. Now, she's living in the Lady of Fatima home in Saratoga."

THE LAND includes the remains of an old blacksmith workshop, and a brandy still that was closed by the government during Prohibition. An unkempt bocce court shows signs of being used as a .22 rifle target range.

"They used to play bocce for brandy," she says, smiling. "Some of the men were here for a few months at a time working the orchards and vineyards. It was the only real enjoyment they had."

Mrs. Picchetti is active in the plans for the new Montebello school. "It will have one room, like the old one," she says proudly, noting that "the old one stood through the 1906 earthquake and now they say it isn't safe."

"Three generations of our family have gone to that school and the fourth is getting ready to," she says. "That one room school has a lot of memories."

Mrs. Picchetti still has a wood stove in her kitchen and, along with the Carrarra marble fireplace, it is the sole source of heating for the house. An electric range sits next to it, little-used. "Nice for convenience," she says, "especially when the weather's hot. But in the old one, I can bake four loaves of bread at a time, perfectly."

Throwing a piece of wood into the stove, she turns with a twinkle in her eye and says, "Don't tell anybody, but I've got an electric blanket."



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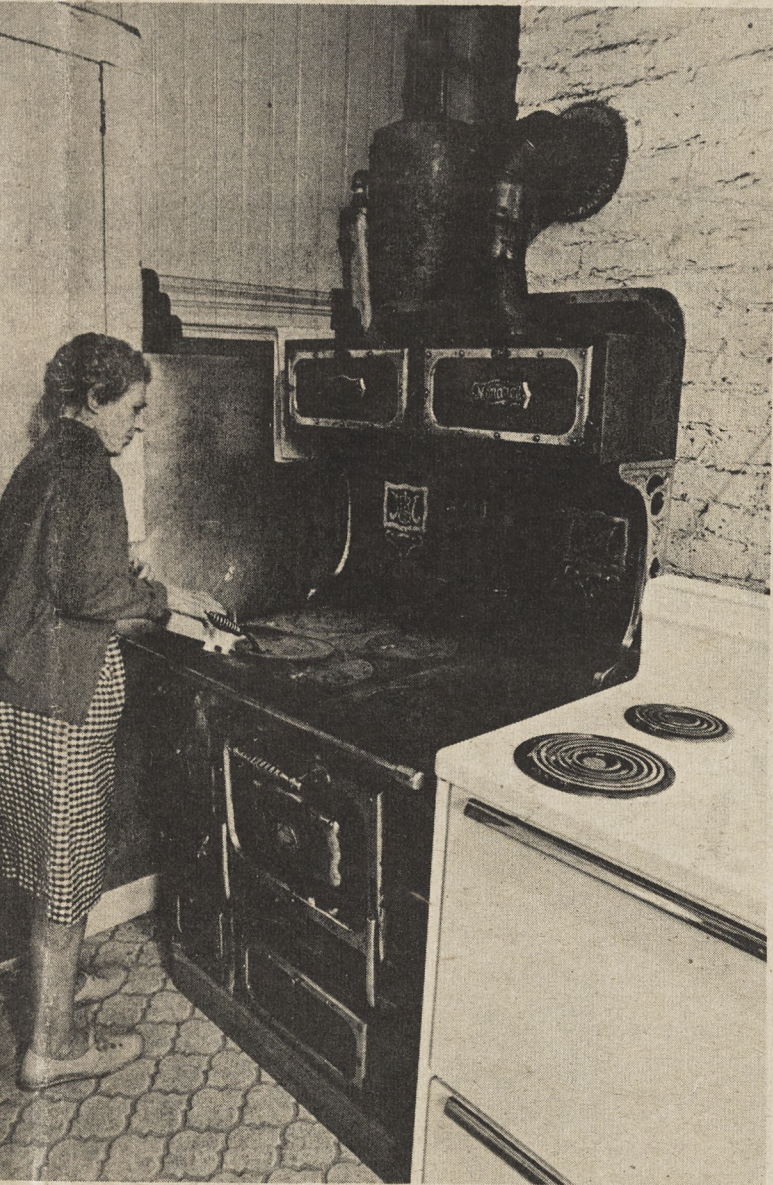
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"We separated the milk on this by hand, until they got the small motor on. The skim milk went into a bucket and the cream into a pan."

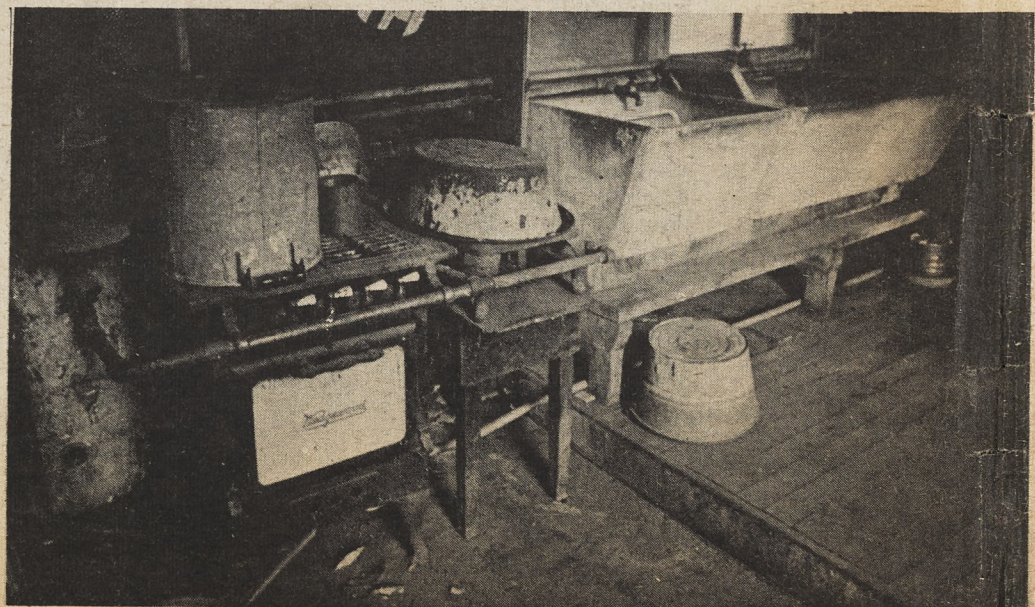


"This is a 1915 model stove, purchased new. The oven thermometer still works accurately."

"We did a lot of washing here, but not the farm clothes. The men washed those themselves."



Morgan horses are boarded at the ranch, which no longer required the power of the animals when tractors mechanized the vineyard industry.



With the need for horses gone, the usefulness of the blacksmith shop diminished. Old sharpening wheels still turn to grind the pruning tools.



Crumbling from disuse, the plows, spreaders and other instruments of cultivation age in the rains.



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Ad hoc group gives energy-saving tips

By FRANCIS MORIARTY

The energy crisis has come to town.

What looked like a coming showdown between the city and developers may turn into a legal alliance of the two in the face of proposed clean-air regulations which, though largely unseen by any local or county authorities, are causing shock waves stronger than Monday's temblor.

Although exact nature of the regulations is unclear, persons on different sides of the environmental fence are apparently finding common ground in opposing them.

For Cupertino, the ambiguity is deadly, especially as the city is obliged to finish its general plan, including ordinances, by Dec. 18 — just about the time the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has indicated its suddenly controversial pollution guidelines are to go into effect.

Thus, Cupertino is caught in a dilemma: It can go ahead with its planning and risk the possibility that the confusing EPA standards will be passed and send everyone back to the planning boards, or it can adopt a "wait-and-see" attitude and hope that opposition to the proposals is so widespread that they will not be enacted.

The guidelines, in sum, put intense pressure on individuals and local governments to begin immediate mass transit. Yet the congress has not been funding local governments who have expressed desire to start mass transit. Critics have called the EPA plan "lucidous" for

this reason, among others, and some predict it is an attempt to make federal clean-air statutes appear so "unworkable" that they will be dropped.

Meanwhile, the city is taking action to curb its energy uses. No sooner had an ad hoc committee of city officials met Monday to discuss energy remedies than the planning commission, at its Tuesday meeting, sent a minutes order to the city council recommending that it "take all steps possible to conserve energy not only within the city boundaries, but beyond."

The ad hoc group, led by City Manager Robert Quinlan recommended:

- Immediate steps to educate users of city vehicles in energy-saving driving tips.
- The preparation of residence maps for employees to induce car pools.
- Adjustment of heating and air-conditioning in city buildings.
- Careful regulation of lights.
- Use of skylights in the corporation yard.
- The extinguishing of the lights on the city Christmas tree.
- Smaller cars for the city fleet, possibly using an alternate fuel.

The short-range proposals will be implemented immediately, Quinlan said, while pressure will be applied to enact long-range policies as soon as possible.

Fall trash pick-up set for Saturday

CUPERTINO IS AGAIN sponsoring a fall trash pick-up, Saturday, Nov. 17, for Cupertino residents only.

No garbage, rocks, dirt, cement, furniture or old appliances will be accepted. The pick-up is limited to grass cuttings, leaves, shrubbery in cartons or boxes no larger than 30-gallon cans. Limbs must be tied in bundles three feet long by two feet in diameter.

Newspapers must be tied in bundles and all loose material must be in boxes or containers, also no larger than 30-gallon cans. The pick-up will be financed from the city's general fund.

Health committee seeks applicants

The Cupertino school district is seeking applications from members of the community wishing to serve on the district's health committee.

One of the committee's primary functions is review of the human growth and development films shown to classes at the junior high and elementary levels.

The committee, composed of staff and community representatives, will begin reviewing the films in early December.

Interested persons should call Jeanette Miller at 252-8312.

Chamber plan will 'stimulate business'

Stimulating business in Cupertino is the goal of a plan for next year presented to Cupertino chamber of commerce members at a breakfast meeting Tuesday by Don Bettisworth, chairman of the retail merchants division.

A kickoff sales event in February will be the first part of the six-part plan. It will be centered on a "lucky numbers" campaign, with the numbers being sent in by advertisers to 75,000 homes generally in the Cupertino-Sunnyvale-Santa Clara area.

The numbers will be posted in the store of each participating merchant and winners will get a prize from that establishment.

The chamber is also planning four major sales events and two "atmosphere" events. One of the latter will probably be a "back to school" appreciation event, Bettisworth said. In the past this has involved free cotton candy, balloons and "circus type" events.

A coupon discount program will be started for newcomers, but Bettisworth said this may be extended to others later.

And there will be a program for children in schools showing the "dangers of shoplifting and the pitfalls of becoming involved," he said.

A contest to find a slogan for the chamber will begin in the spring and will be an ongoing event, Bettisworth said.

And to help the merchants get better publicity and public acceptance there will be a program, the details of which are not final, to improve chamber publicity and "to promote the Cupertino Chamber of Commerce as a meaningful organization to belong to," Bettisworth said.

Part of this promotion will be the placing of see-through membership decals in merchants' windows. A decal has been designed, Bettisworth said, but has not been formally approved. He said the decal would be an indication of the merchant's "dedication to good business practices and his membership in good standing with the chamber and the community."

Bettisworth operates the Monta Vista Paint and Hardware store and was recently appointed to the chamber's executive board.

'I feel the earth move under my feet'

If you thought the earth moved under your feet Monday morning, it did.

A 4.7 worth on the Richter.

Not enough to cause major damage, but enough to rattle the windowpanes and shake a few pictures off the wall of area homes and offices. There was some interruption of telephone service reported.

The trembler was located near Los Gatos, according to UC Berkeley seismologist William Cloud.

"We think it was in the vicinity of the San Andreas fault, but we're not sure," Cloud told the Courier, adding: "There are a lot of faults running around that area."

The depth of the quake was set at 14 kilometers, or somewhat over eight miles down. There are no visible fissures in the northeast Santa Cruz mountains area, so faults other than the San Andreas are only "suspected" faults, seismologists say.

The estimated epicenter is in the area of the Lexington reservoir, but there was

no damage reported there. The Santa Clara county flood control and water district says a check of dams in the county failed to turn up any damage.

Monahan's pun delights board

Fremont union high school district superintendent William P. Monahan was the punster at last week's meeting of the district board. And to the board's delight.

Jean L. Morrison, the district coordinator of audio visual-instructional television presented a report to the board after outgoing library curriculum coordinator William Mulhair gave his report. "Following Bill Mulhair is like following Sally Rand without fans," said Morrison to which Dr. Monahan quipped, "Well, at least it will give you the exposure."

Mathieson to address C of C meet

Dwight Mathieson, Santa Clara county tax assessor, will speak at the Cupertino Chamber of Commerce luncheon Thursday, Nov. 15, at noon.

The luncheon will be at Howard Johnson's restaurant on Stevens Creek boulevard, Cupertino.

Mathieson will discuss property tax assessments and related legislation — a matter of some interest now that county property tax bills for 1973-74 have been mailed.

Cost for the luncheon is \$3.50. Chamber members are reminded that guests are welcome. Reservations should be made at the Chamber office, 252-7054.

Dial 257-6112 for Cupertino school hot line

Hot Lines are all the fashion nowadays and the Cupertino union school district is joining the trend.

Dial 257-6112 if you're curious.

You'll hear a recorded message announcing the time and place of the upcoming school board meeting, a brief summary of the agenda and miscellaneous announcements of district committees seeking members.

There will also be that familiar beep for you to leave a message if you feel so inclined. "A member of the district staff will answer your call as soon as possible."

But if you're impatient for immediate human contact, you can still call the district office direct at 252-3000.

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A Monta Vista landmark closes as Lena Nelson prepares to retire

By JIM BARRETT

A MONTA VISTA landmark for 29 years, the life-size replica of a quarter-horse once perched atop Nelson's Silver Saddlery has come down. Lena Nelson, the tack shop's 83-year-old owner, is closing the saddlery's doors.

Since her husband died 16 years ago, Lena and her daughter Pat Reimann, have run the business. Although they claim the number of riding horses in Monta Vista has doubled since Ray Nelson founded the shop in 1945, Lena says she has no regrets about closing.

"I have an offer from the Montana historical society magazine to write the story of my late husband. He was a pioneer preacher back in the Thirties there and he preached to the Indians," said Lena.

Her late husband, the Rev. Roy Nelson, later settled in Cupertino where he became an interim pastor at Cupertino Union church. Between Sundays, the Presbyterian minister crafted leather saddles, silver spurs, bits and saddle decor for horsemen.

THE NELSON FAMILY first homesteaded in Cupertino near what today is the intersection of Saratoga-Sunnyvale road and Stevens Creek boulevard. The exact site of their home has puzzled Lena for a number of years.

"I go back there and try to remember

where it was but things have changed so much, since 1945. The road has been widened and the shopping centers have moved in, so I really never have been certain. It was a good home and Roy worked on his saddles in a small workshop there," she said.

Later the same year, Rev. Nelson purchased one acre of foothill property in Monta Vista for \$1,000. Horsemen came from throughout Santa Clara county, as Lena tells it, to order special saddles, spurs and riding gear from Rev. Nelson.

TODAY THE NELSON property is a bit smaller. Lena sold one-quarter acre a few years back. The corral which once contained the Nelson's sprightly Appaloosa, Johnny, has been removed to provide parking for customers who drive cars. The wooden display counters have been sold and most of the shop's merchandise, too.

In fact, the sole reminder of the era is Concho, a shetland-size horse who munches lazily on tall grass. Concho belongs to 10-year-old Nalani, Pat's daughter, who attends Stevens Creek school.

Pat plans to continue repairing saddles in the former saddlery shop, nestled below the knoll on which her father constructed the family's two-story house.

Lena says she will tend the half-dozen apricot trees and write the adventures of her pioneer preacher husband.



LENA NELSON, owner of Nelson's Silver Saddlery, is readying the story of her pioneer preacher husband, Rev. Roy Nelson. He founded the saddlery which is now closing its doors.

(Photography by Francis J. Moriarty)

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BY JIM BARRETT

IS UPTOWN in the Santa Clara valley country and industry. Where corn-fed, prairie-bred western wore denim trousers, today a new breed of musicians double-knits and their rocking country sound is becoming a solid money-maker.

Clara's Napredak hall, the last dancehall mecca for fans was razed in 1964, night clubs have gained a prosperous and white-collar. More electronics and live show up Saturday night than truck drivers, sheet metal workers or ranchers.

Clark, the dean of western music in San Jose for over a decade at Clara's Napredak and its Redwood City sister hall Forester's, says western crowds no longer want an indoor hillbilly

KEEN lights and more observes 64-year-old Clark says the old halls were doomed because they wanted their own club. I can't erase the happy memories—the happy friendly people and the fact that as born into was all a different era, different

western night club circuit. Annual business gross—western bands are club owners are en- and the liquor flows a new monied crowd of bringing life into a San Jose music that throbs and rocks rather than

ny night spots are on their heels, pulling the lower lip and sweep- ing floor. Old Nash- ville get a job on local radio. One owner explains

HANK Thompson here Easterly, a former owner of Nashville West, a spot featuring live music. Nobody came to see and nobody had drawn the line ago, but not today. They aren't hardcore like to dance and they say rock as well as

Jamaica Inn, also an art- ertise on San Jose's station, 5,000-watt

KEEN. For 23 years KEEN played back-to-back country records. Cottonseed Clark was dean of such air personalities as Cactus Jack and Red Merle.

Then, in 1972, a new format called "Music American Style" discarded the "hick" western stars and substituted smooth rock tunes. It was a smash hit in Bay Area audience surveys.

"The public has been weaned from Hank Thompson and the other old stars. We're not living in the Oklahoma Thirties anymore. Out station now reaches the broadest audience in our history playing a bit of rock 'n' roll and a bit of contemporary music," boasts Len Smith, KEEN manager and creator of "Music American Style."

CLUBS ADVERTISING ON KEEN reach at least 14,300 listeners at any given moment, according to a "pulse report" lying on Smith's mahogany desk. Few local club owners featuring live country music dare offer the old, raunchy, "chomp-out" western music KEEN no longer plays.

Dismissed in 1967 after a decade as KEEN's leading air personality, Cottonseed is unhappy with the new "slicked down" image of country music in Santa Clara county. He blames KEEN.

"That format stinks, Cottonseed growls. 'They're tampering with the music and that music means too much to too many people to mess with it.'"

"If a guy has the right connections these days, hell, he can be selling jockey shorts at Macy's and move right in as station program director or manager. He may know zilch about country music but he'll call the shots anyhow. I've seen Len's



"WHEN I INSTALLED red carpet around the dance floor we started getting a better clientele and we haven't had any fights to speak of either," reports Ralph Kennedy, owner of Tennessee West in Cupertino. "When you add a touch of class the people respond."

(Photography by Dave Newton)

surveys but they don't amount to a hill of beans. You can't play two types of music and keep a loyal audience, especially with country people. That's like trying to ride a hog side-saddle."

For 25 years KEEN's studios have been located in the basement of the Hotel De Anza in downtown San Jose. Partly because of its new-found success with the "sandwich" format, it is moving to plush new studios in west San Jose's Golden Pacific center this year.

UNTIL 1972, three western night spots—Cowntown, Tennessee West and Jamaica Inn—battled to offer "the biggest names in country music." Of the trio only Cowntown, a well-established south San Jose club, still books high-priced entertainers.

"Both our club and Nashville West were booking top western stars and fighting it out for the Saturday night crowds. We nearly went bankrupt doing it, too,"

says Jane Smith, 15 years the owner of Sunnyvale's Jamaica Inn. "These days I would bet our house band would outdraw Bobby Bare or Johnny Paycheck or any other stars who played here."

Jamaica Inn and Nashville West now offer basically the same style music. It is loud, drowning out conversation, and it rocks, angering some oldtime western fans.

Ralph and Eva Kennedy, the only husband-and-wife club owners on the local country circuit, run a small Cupertino night spot called Tennessee West. Each day by 1 p.m., Ralph, dressed in a V-neck undershirt, is scrubbing the bar. The 43-year-old ex-truck driver is his own liquor buyer, bartender and bouncer.

"In my place a guy says 'please' when he asks a gal to dance. If she says 'no' the he thanks her and walks away. If he doesn't conduct himself like a gentleman

ple at Flint center Friday: "There is no among the press in the fall from grace any president."

United Press International reporter then Thomas charmed the audience with anecdotes and forthright responses. Thomas is now the senior UPI staff member at the White House.

"I have been awed by witnessing history," she noted. "But I have never been awed by Presidents. Human beings in the White House."

The human being who recently moved the White House is "likable and refreshing after the trauma of the past," Thomas said. "Jerry Ford isn't devious, he is political."

SHE ADDED THAT the Ford family style has transformed the White House. There's a relaxed atmosphere after Nixon's darkness at noon.

Nixon still believes the press and his political detractors were the instruments of his downfall, said Thomas. "But there is joy among the press in the fall from grace of any President."

The lesson of Watergate for the press, she added, is that "reporters should always remain skeptical of those who hold a public trust. The White House must be a place of moral leadership."

Attorney General John Mitchell once gave a hint of the future when he told reporters, "Watch what we do, not what we say."

EACH PRESIDENT had problems with

journalists, and Lyndon Johnson complained, "You all have your First Amendment," as if it was a weapon.

"Each President has inherited the mistakes of his predecessors," Thomas noted. "Ford seems to be falling into the Vietnam syndrome, saying, 'Just give me this last bit of money and it'll all be over.' But it's tragic that two years after the peace agreement we've had 160,000 casualties."

Presidents traditionally dislike Vice Presidents, she observed. "They feel them breathing. Rockefeller is trying to be Rebecca of Sunnybrook Farms."

THOMAS CREDITED Betty Ford with an awareness of the modern world. "Unlike her predecessors, she's not afraid to drink or smoke in public. She differs from her husband on abortion and she reveals that she has seen a psychiatrist," the reporter said.

Thomas was more charitable in her assessment of Ford's intelligence than was LBJ, who said Ford couldn't walk and chew gum at the same time. But she noted, "Ford is more one-dimensional than other Presidents. In foreign policy, Kissinger is calling all the shots and Ford is saying 'Me, too.'"

Thomas believes that Martha Mitchell, who was disparaged in her heyday, has been vindicated. "She spoke the truth. Power is what the Presidency is all about. Thomas' talk at De Anza college was the third in a series of five lectures focus-

requirement being examined

A MOVE AWAY from the "illegal or quasi-legal" practice of requiring home economics and industrial arts students to pay for their own fabric, wood, eggs and other supplies is being instituted in the Cupertino school district.

According to Superintendent Donald Todd, the state education code requires districts to provide supplies for their students. "I think we've grown into this situation which is either illegal or quasi-legal as a result of good intentions," Todd said, noting some parents were more than willing to pay for materials.

The issue originally was raised by David Wigglesworth of Sunnyvale, who lives in the Ortega junior high school area. Last week, he told the school board: "You're discussing shop and home economics. But, at Ortega we had to come up with \$1.50 for an English textbook. Also \$5 for science supplies."

ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT

William Heber noted the problem was not an easy one. "A strict literal interpretation of the code said the district is supposed to provide everything. But, this is not a common practice throughout the state." He reported that an Orange county legal opinion had declared students should not be required to pay fees for classes in which they received grades.

He raised the possibility to moving to a

"We should have a year to change to something that is more equitable (than fees)," Todd told the board. Target date is next school year.

Trustee David Cayton commented: "I don't think it is all bad to ask youngsters to share costs."

Heber said in food classes, girls are asked to pay fees at the beginning of semesters.

Some student-provided supplies also are required in an electronics and electric class at Kennedy and a lapidary class at Ortega.

A 12% increase in welfare asked

GENERAL ASSISTANCE grants should be raised to meet the soaring cost of living, Social Services director Fred Gillette told the county board of supervisors last week.

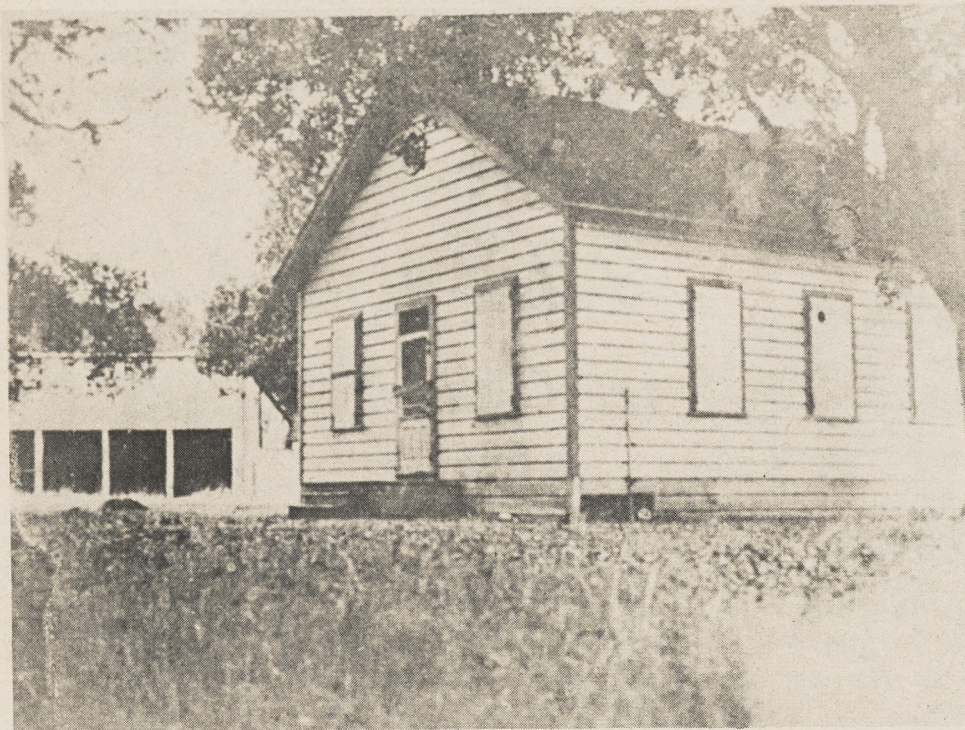
Supervisors agreed to study the proposed county welfare increase of 12 per cent, which would cost the county an extra \$814,000 next year. The last increase took

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San Antonio school for sale



SAN ANTONIO school as it looked in 1868.
(Photography courtesy of Charles Baer)

A 101-year-old one-room schoolhouse in Los Altos on the Cupertino border is for sale.

San Antonio school, built in 1872, is selling for \$90,000, but that price includes a duplex nearby and the home that has been added on to the original school.

The old schoolhouse is nestled in a valley off Foothill boulevard near the I-280 overpass.

A long bumpy road leads from the boulevard to the white structure, a weathered, but well kept building, considering its years.

The one-room school house, still adorned with its original fireplace, was the center of learning for area children until 1916.

The school consolidated with Lincoln, Collins and Doyle schools to make up the Cupertino union school district during that World War I year.

Eight rooms have been added onto the original one-room structure. It is being used as a rental domicile for some Foothill college students.

One long-time area resident who at-

tended San Antonio school is Cupertino's historian, Louis Stocklmeir, 81.

"Under the school act of 1855, schools were set up for rural communities. They were required to be a certain distance from each other," Stocklmeir explained.

San Antonio school was built on 2.2 acres of property, part of 4,400 acres given the Mesa family of the Los Altos area by the Mexican government.

Stocklmeir recalled that the school was built, "in a period of a gradual approach of a great, vast, wonderful system of education."

He said that the schoolhouse was heated by a large pot belly stove in one corner of the room.

"The school had a maximum capacity of 30," Stocklmeir said. He added that one teacher was in charge of the school, which went from the first to the eighth grade.

"I credit all the things I know in this world to her training," Stocklmeir said.

He noted the teacher was a strict disciplinarian; she kept two three-foot twisted cowhide whips, one blue for the boys, and a pink one for the girls, in the classroom.

Stocklmeir laughingly recalled that he received 15 slaps on the hand from his teacher's 18-inch oak ruler for shooting spitballs.

Nevertheless, he called her a "very fine teacher." "This teacher was very advanced in the education field. We had to convert fractions to decimals mentally, as an example," Stocklmeir added.

The historian and Mrs. Elizabeth Forbes of Mountain View are the only living classmates of the four in the 1906 eighth grade graduating class.

Charles Baer of Cupertino, who was a bus driver for the Cupertino union school district during World War I, recalls busing children from the vicinity of Grant and Fremont roads, now Los Altos, to San Antonio school during this century's second decade.

The one-room schoolhouse, a testimony to California's pioneer education system, is being marketed by Century 21 Upton associates realty of Sunnyvale.

No marker stands to remind us of the building's history. In fact, the only physical proof of its age are someone's initials, followed by the year, 1903, etched into the schoolhouse wall.

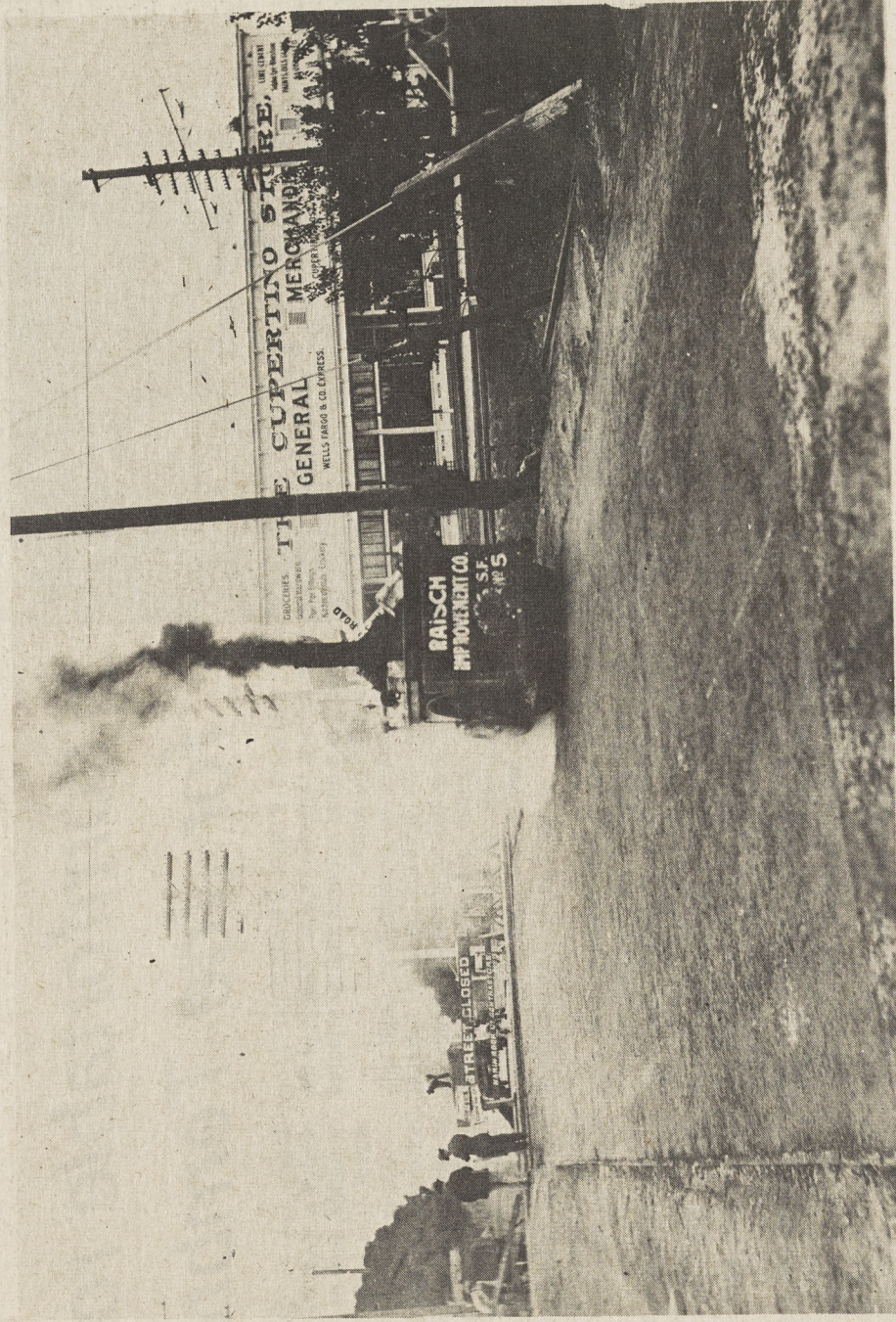


TWO FORMER CLASSMATES — Elizabeth Forbes and Louis Stocklmeir — stand in front of what used to be the old San Antonio schoolhouse. Their class photograph from 1906 with their graduation pictures circled is in the foreground.

(Photography by Phil Nelson)

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Project to picture the past



Highway 9 is being paved, past the Cupertino general store, in this photo.

Cupertino history subject of De Anza history center book

By ALFRED J. BRU

EVER WONDER ABOUT who Cupertino's schools were named for?

Or, did you know that Cupertino's pioneers were steered into the agricultural industry by four Yugoslavian's — Mariani, Saich, Paviso and Gasich?

Such memorabilia is just a sample of a written history of Cupertino, slated to be published in June by the California History center at De Anza college.

Editing the magazine is Seonaid McArthur, center associate director, who says the material is being written by De Anza students taking a local History research and writing class.

The magazine is part of a project to finance a proposed full-scale celebration in Cupertino to mark the nation's 200th birthday.

Cupertino's Chamber of Commerce is assisting in financing the production of the magazine with a \$2,500 loan, according to McArthur. Other contributions would also be appreciated, she noted.

ONLY 5,500 SOFT-BOUND and 500 hardbound volumes will be printed due to the limited budget, McArthur says. Soft-bound copies will sell for \$2.50 and the hard-bound copies will go for \$6.

Orders are now being accepted at the California History center at De Anza. Reserve orders can be made by phoning the center at 446-1707.

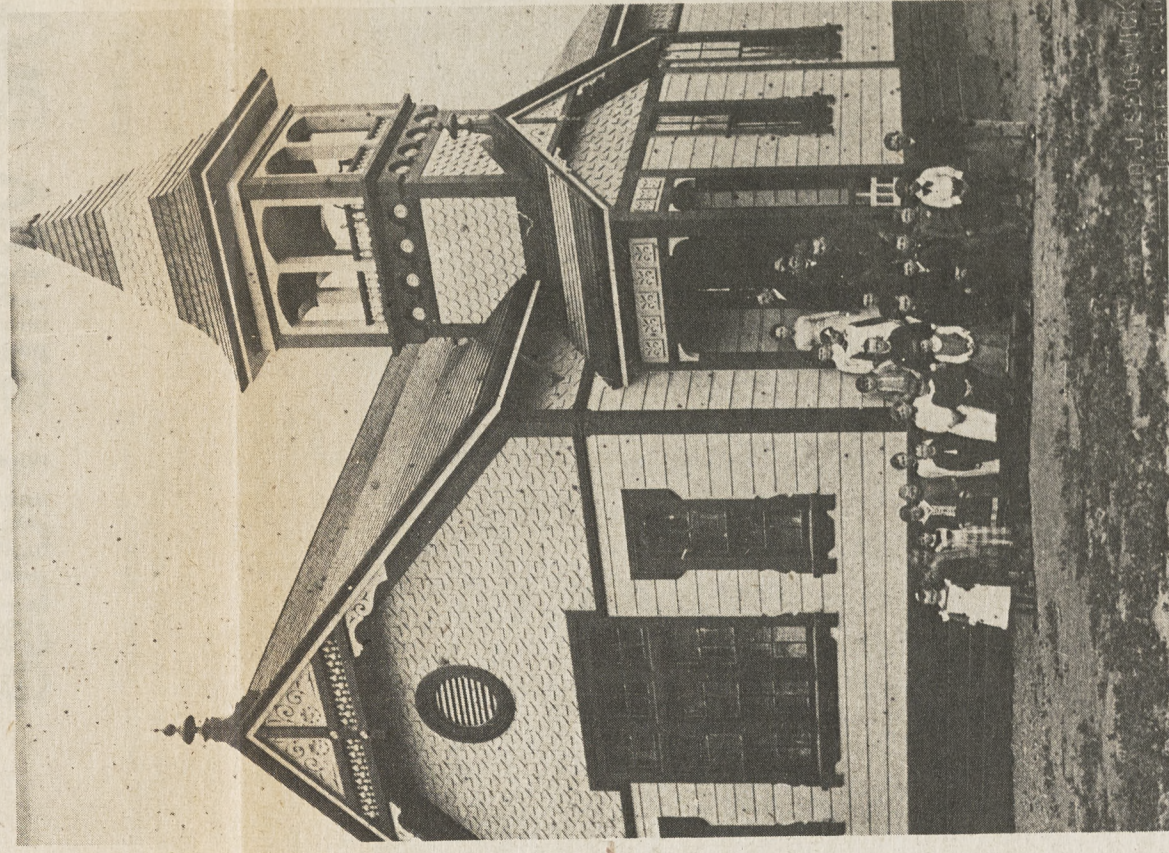
The bulk of the history has been compiled from students interviewing the elderly in the community. "Talking to the old timers" has been quite important in putting together the chronicle, says McArthur.

Several photographs depicting early life in Cupertino have been collected and will be used in the magazine.

The material will range from the 1776 encampment of explorer Juan Bautista De Anza to the development of Valco park.

A tentative sketch of the contents also show historical stories on Cupertino's churches, its wineries, pioneer settlement and urbanization.

Photos of Cupertino's past will be included in a history of the city being prepared by students under the auspices of De Anza's history center. The picture belonged to D. J. Sedgwick, who thought the school was Collins. But historians believe it was Doyle and was constructed about 1890.



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Two schools are of historical interest

SAN ANTONIO school, a 101-year-old former schoolhouse on the Cupertino-Los Altos border, has been accepted as a point of historical interest by the California Historical Landmarks Advisory committee.

The state group, which met Nov. 7 in San Diego, also accepted the old Montebello school on Montebello road in Cupertino, as a point of historical interest.

Dorothy Gray, Los Altos historian, and Phyllis Butler, a member of the Santa Clara county historical commission, attended the San Diego meeting.

San Antonio school, built in 1872, is off Foothill boulevard near the I-280 overpass in Los Altos.

A long bumpy road leads from the boulevard to the weathered but well-kept building — a center of learning for area children from 1873 to 1916.

THE SCHOOL consolidated with Lincoln, Collins and Doyle schools to make up the Cupertino union school district during that World War I year.

Eight rooms have been added onto the original one-room structure, now used as a home.

The school was built on 2.2 acres of property, part of 4,400 acres given to the Mesa family of the Los Altos area by the Mexican government.

Mildred Jones, a former teacher at Loyola school in Los Altos, now is acting superintendent, principal, teacher and "sometimes janitor" of Montebello school.

Thirty children, ranging from kindergarten to sixth grade, are taught in the one-room schoolhouse, built in 1892. Some of the students are the great-grandchildren of the ranchers, who before the turn of the century assessed themselves a total of \$300 to form the school.

IT IS THE ONLY school in Montebello elementary school district. The district's trustees, who have all served on the board for 40 years, meet in an old ranch home near the school.

Because of state earthquake standards, students at Montebello school will be moving before long to a soon-to-be constructed modern building. The old schoolhouse will be moved nearby to serve as a community meeting house.

A year after the school was built, the ranchers assessed themselves an additional \$300 to buy a piano which lasted until 1972 and "would have still been fine if the wood rats hadn't got into it," Jones noted.

When someone calls the school, the telephone rings inside the classroom, with Jones answering for the school district.

"We've always felt a one-room schoolhouse should be preserved," she said.

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What's Ahead For The Older Ranch

CUPERTINO — The Fremont Older Ranch may turn out as a combined wildlife-historical preserve under stewardship of Mid-Peninsula Regional Park District.

But nothing will happen for nearly a year because the 266 acres in the Cupertino foothills won't become public property until next summer.

District directors this week voted to formally execute an option to buy the 153-acre Older Ranch and 113 acres of the adjoining Seven Springs Ranch.

The option won't be exercised until near the end of its

one-year term, though. Officials want time to make plans for the acreage and district tax money will earn extra interest if it isn't paid out until next year.

The district plans to appoint a land management expert within about two weeks, Gen. Mgr. Herb Grench says. He will begin at once planning what to do with the land, plus two district holdings in the Palo Alto-Los Altos area foothills.

Meanwhile, Phyllis Butler, a member of the County Historical Heritage Commission and an outspoken conservationist, Thursday suggested

there are many ways the park district can get help in preserving historical items on the Older property.

Cooperative efforts with her commission, the County Parks and Recreation Commission and private groups and individuals could supplement the park district's direct work to preserve open space, Mrs. Butler said.

It was Mrs. Butler who spearheaded the naming of the Older Ranch in July as a state point of historical interest.

The ranch was the home of Fremont Older, the legendary firebrand San Francisco

newspaper editor of the early decades of this century.

It still contains in somewhat rundown condition, the big flattopped Older ranch house, an adobe study, the remains of Cora Older's rose garden and a big swimming pool once used by the Olders to entertain famous guests.

At various times, the house has been suggested as a permanent park district headquarters and Older museum. The adobe study could be a cottage for a live-in park ranger.

In the meantime, the district says it will take steps to keep the property clean and

people out until the park is established.

Neighbors had expressed concern about these troubles.

Wed., Sept. 11, 1974 San Jose Mercury

Older Ranch Acquisition Expected Tonight

By DENNIS ROCKSTROH
Staff Writer

CUPERTINO — The Cupertino ranch of a crusading firebrand and San Francisco newspaper editor is scheduled to become public property tonight.

The Mid-Peninsula Regional Park District board of directors plans to take an option on the 133-acre Fremont older ranch and 112 acres of adjacent Seven Springs ranch.

Before O'Leary bought the ranch in 1911, it housed a winery.

The San Francisco editor and his wife built the ranch house in 1911 and committed to San Francisco a special railroad stop at Prospect and Stelling roads called "Fremont" in his honor.

The district, which is in the land acquisition business and does not plan to develop park sites in the near future, plans to pay \$335,000 for the two ranch parcels in Cupertino's Regnart Canyon.

Cupertino director Kay Duffy says the district has negotiated a one-year option on the two ranches.

The property is owned by Jack Lyddon who still plans to develop the lower portions of Seven Springs Ranch in homes.

The option price of \$25,000 will be applied to the purchase price.

"Purchase of the Fremont Older Ranch was urged early in the district's existence by many citizens, groups and by two city councils," says district general manager Herb Grench. The two city councils are those of the adjacent cities, Cupertino and Saratoga.

"This effort was based upon the natural and historical values of this close-in open space," Grench says.

The 268-acre parcel under consideration tonight is located northeast of Lower Stevens Creek County Park, south of Regnart Road and west of Prospect Road.

Prospect Road provides the only direct access to the property.

Editor O'Leary played a prominent role in the history of the property — a small grey near the northeast boundary.

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The ranch became the meeting place of many notable figures of the era. Senator Phelan, Rudolph Speckles, Lin-

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the cottage near the entrance, an adobe bathhouse with a large pool and a grey, vine-covered ranch house with large picture windows. All three structures are in need of re-

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According to a report on land and horse trails, which could be developed to link with a regional trail system," Grench says.

Minor earthquake fault lines cross the property and landslides are likely in the event of a major earthquake.

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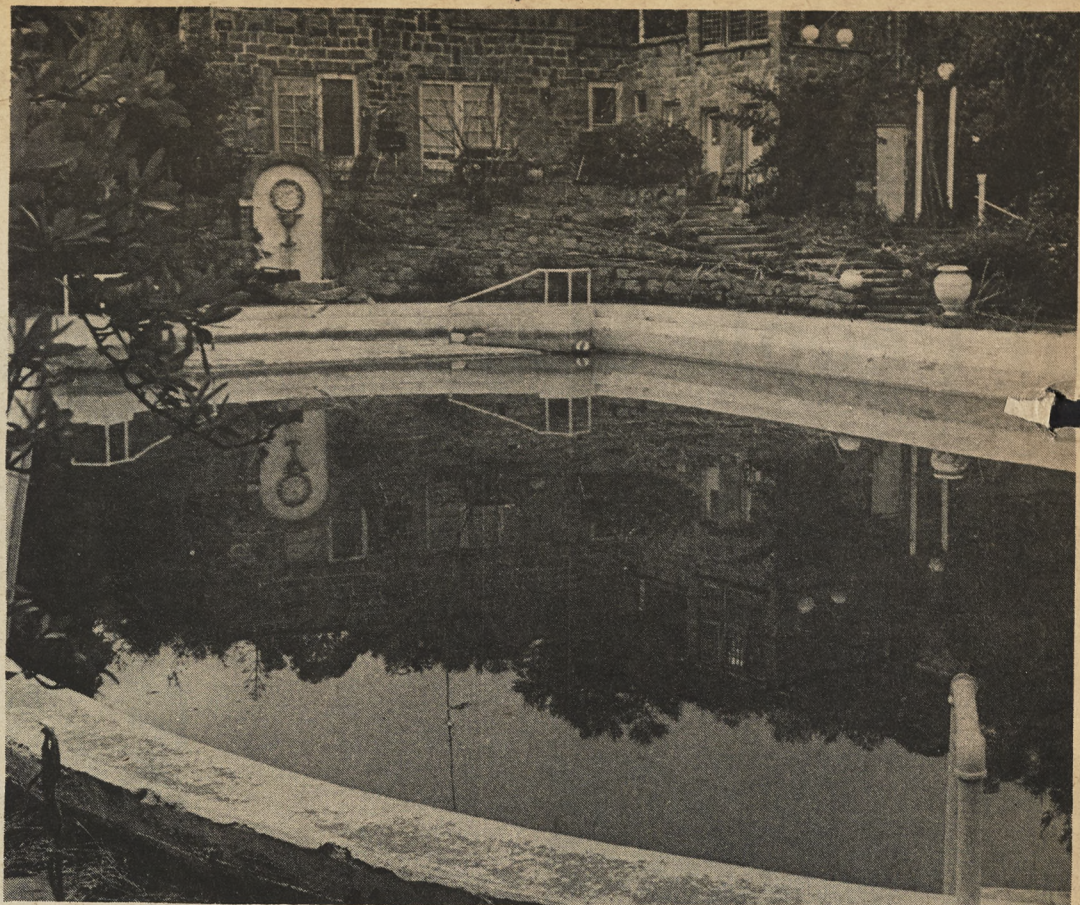
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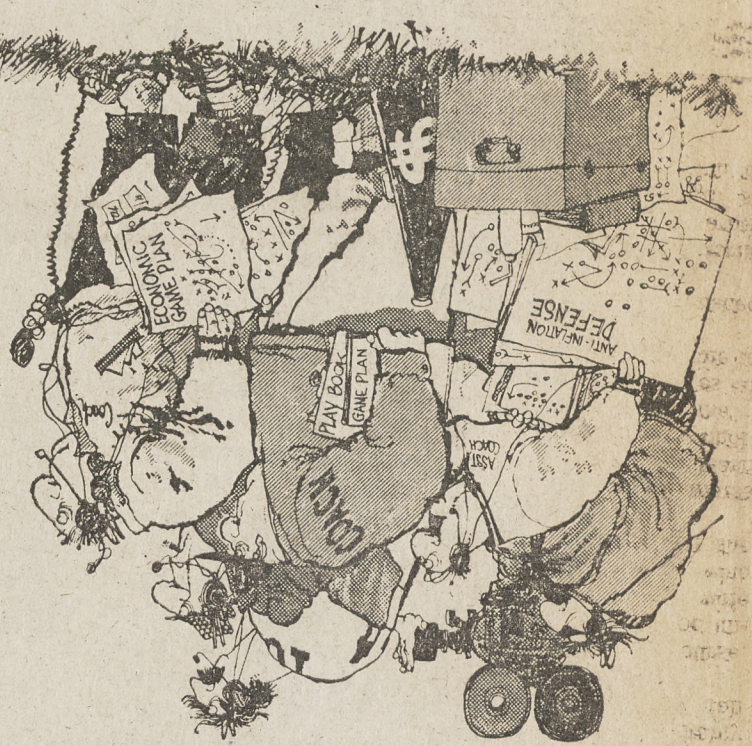
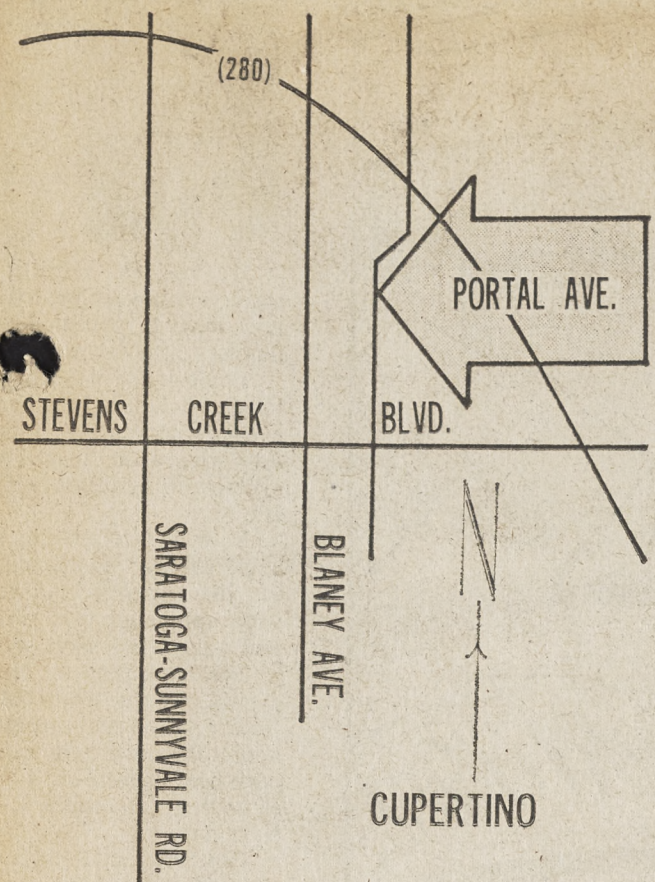
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A severe strain of influenza is making its way across the country. It is important for the elderly, in particular, to take steps to protect themselves.

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There will be no charge to persons 65 or over. Donations to help pay for the vaccine, however, will be accepted from those who wish to contribute.

on case, to avoid even the appearance of favoritism.

But it might be good to remember what this trial is about. It is not about the fair application of the laws to the formerly high and mighty, since the case has been so blatantly rigged against them.

Agnes ago, when special prosecutor Archibald Cox fought against forcing the defendants to testify at televised public hearings, making the sensible point that such pre-trial publicity would harm their chances for a fair trial, Sen. Sam Ervin grandly swept aside that objection, saying that the exposure of the truth was more important than putting a few men in jail. Now the government is trying to have it both ways.

Those who are profoundly convinced that the Nixon men are guilty of trying to subvert our civil liberty should be in

25 Years Ago

turned to this trial to flay him by proxy. Already, public resentment has begun to cool, which they cannot allow to happen; curiously, those flash polls showing anger at the pardon have not been followed by comparative polls now that the anger is ebbing.

Trial by fury is really all the Nixon-haters have left, and they will seek to seal the judgment of history now, as if history can be prevented from coolly revising the record later.

Non-haters have vision to cheer us up. It is the year 2000, and in our vision of the White House, supported on either side by a governor named Cox and a senator named Eisenhower, to be greeted at the front door by his daughter Julie, in her second term as President of the United States.

15 Years Ago

President Truman agreed to halt his push for a civil rights bill at that Congressional session.

The County School Department moved from the Hall of Records to a renovated Air Force building at County Hospital.

Allie Reynolds, Yankees, beat Don Newcombe, Dodgers, 1-0 in the opener of an all-New York World Series.

Russia launched a space laboratory that was scheduled to orbit the Moon.

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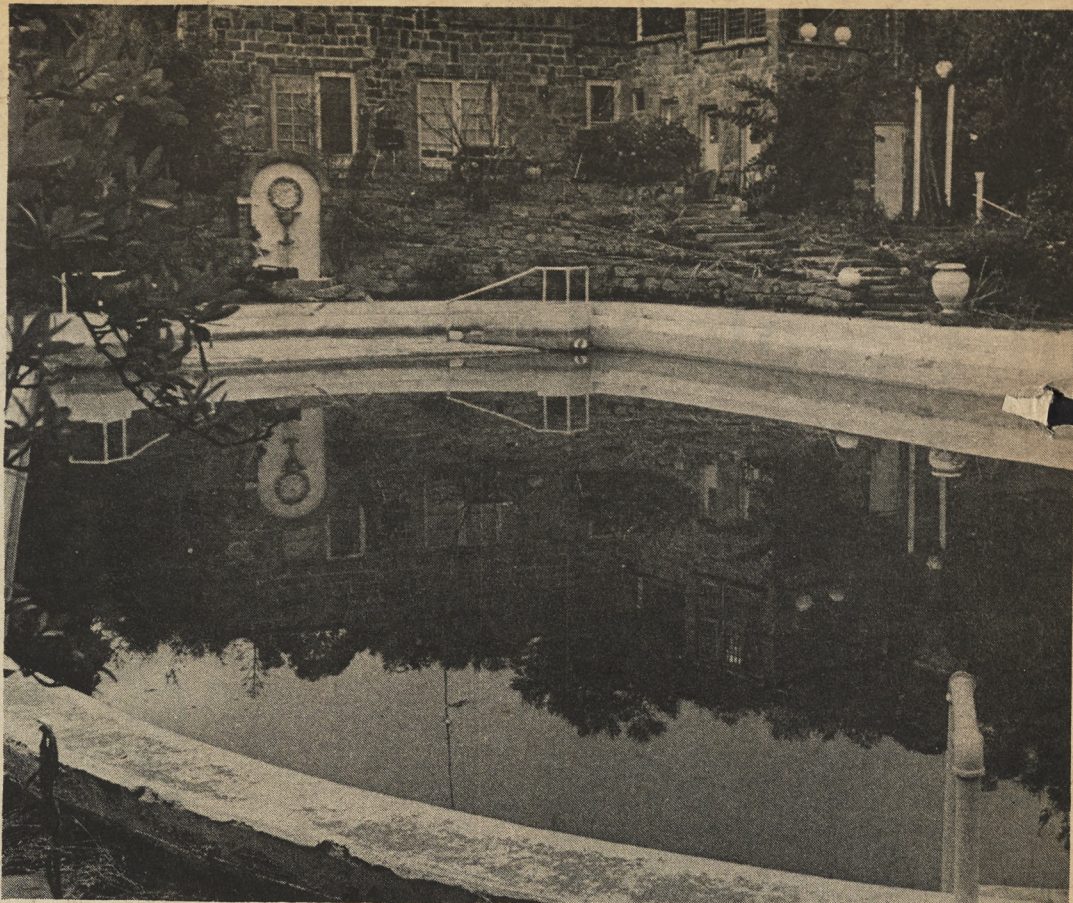
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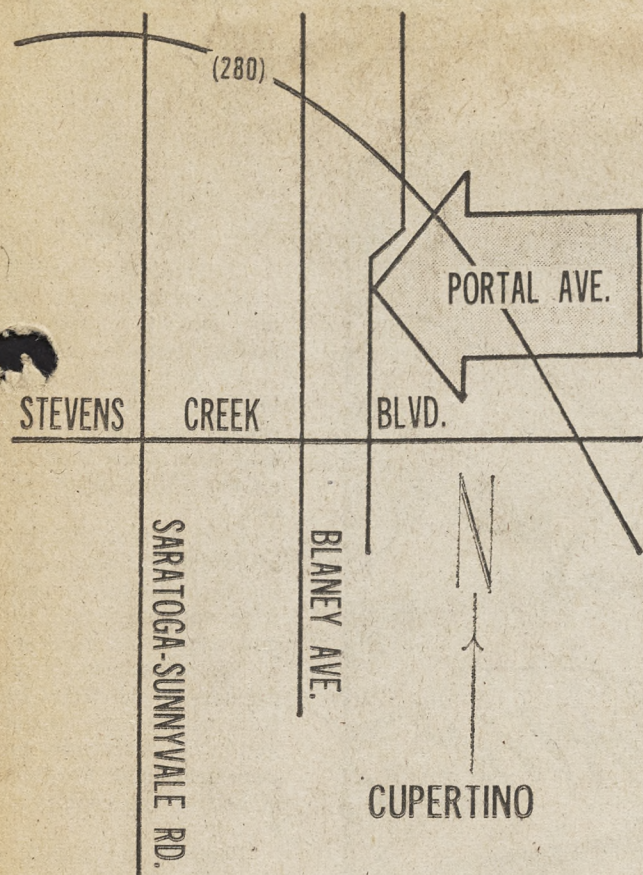
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Cupertino Landmark

Portal Remembered For Vineyards

SAN JOSE NEWS

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By PATRICIA LOOMIS

Staff Writer

Far out in the sunny vineyard a grape picker dozed in the shade of the vines.

Likely it was his last nap as an employe of Burgundy Vineyards because half a mile away a tiny figure paused on the captain's walk high up on the tower of the big house. Sun glinted on the glass as J.B.J. Portal slowly swung the telescope around as he studied the acres of heavily laden vines.

He did not miss the sleeping figure who, given his time at the end of the day, never knew how the boss spotted him snoozing on the job.

Members of the Portal family and the later owners of the mansion and its surrounding acres on Stevens Creek road watched the changing countryside from the captain's walk for more than 90 years.

Sale of the land for subdivision purposes in 1959 was followed by demolition of the old two-story home which had been a landmark on Stevens Creek road (now boulevard) for nearly 90 years.

The house, with its tower and captain's (or widow's) walk, was on the north side of Stevens Creek road at the end of a long lane of black walnut trees. Nearly 200 acres of vineyards surrounded the mansion, winery, barns and blacksmith shop in the 1880s and '90s.

The Portal vineyard, one of the earliest in the area, came into being about the same time that Cupertino was emerging as a thriving West Valley village.

Jean Baptiste Jules Portal (known as Louis) was a native of France who came to Santa Clara County via San Francisco in 1870. He became a U.S. citizen the following year in a San Francisco court and gave his age as 29.

At least from 1875 to 1880 Portal was in the real estate and insurance business in San Jose, but in 1881 he bought 179.26 acres on Stevens Creek road from Abram King. This became the famed Burgundy Vineyards, wines from which had markets in London and the eastern states.

Portal spared no expense in building or in planting and was one of the Valley's pioneers in the use of underground irrigation pipe. He had one of the first stationary steam engines for pumping irrigation water and it was quite a curiosity to farmers of the day, according to

SIGN POSTS

Ralph Rambo, historian and writer who grew up in the Cupertino area and remembers the 18-room house with its "elaborate white gateway."

He recalls his father telling him Portal once blocked a move to put a railroad through his land to connect Mountain View and Saratoga, arguing it would disturb the aging of his wine.

Back in the late 1880s or early 1890s Portal left his family and returned to France. The family felt it was some kind of a scandal and preferred to forget about it.

Mrs. Mathilde M. Portal, German wife of J.B.J., was left to raise eight children and run the vineyard and winery. She and her sons, S. Emile and Clem, did the best they could and in the mid-90s Burgundy Vineyards was said to have an unexcelled reputation for medoc clarets, burgundies and sauternes.

A granddaughter of Mathilde and Louis Portal, Mrs. Vivienne Murchie of Ensenada wrote Rambo in 1971 recalling the time her father, Clem, was followed into the house and up three flights of stairs to the widow's walk by a pet donkey — then the problem of getting the donkey down all those stairs.

(The late DeWitt Portal, long-time boxing coach at San Jose State University, was a brother of Mrs. Murchie)

Debts began piling up in the late 1890s, mortgages and a return of the dread grape disease of the 1870s finally cost the Portal family the ranch.

Today the pioneer name is preserved on Portal avenue "Signposts" and in the name of a nearby elementary school and several business houses in Cupertino.

Mansion

This was the home of the pioneer Portal family which helped make Cupertino important as a grape growing section of the county. The 18-room mansion was surrounded by nearly 200 acres of vineyard on the north side of Stevens Creek road where Portal avenue is today. Members of the family posed for this view of the house in the mid-1890s.



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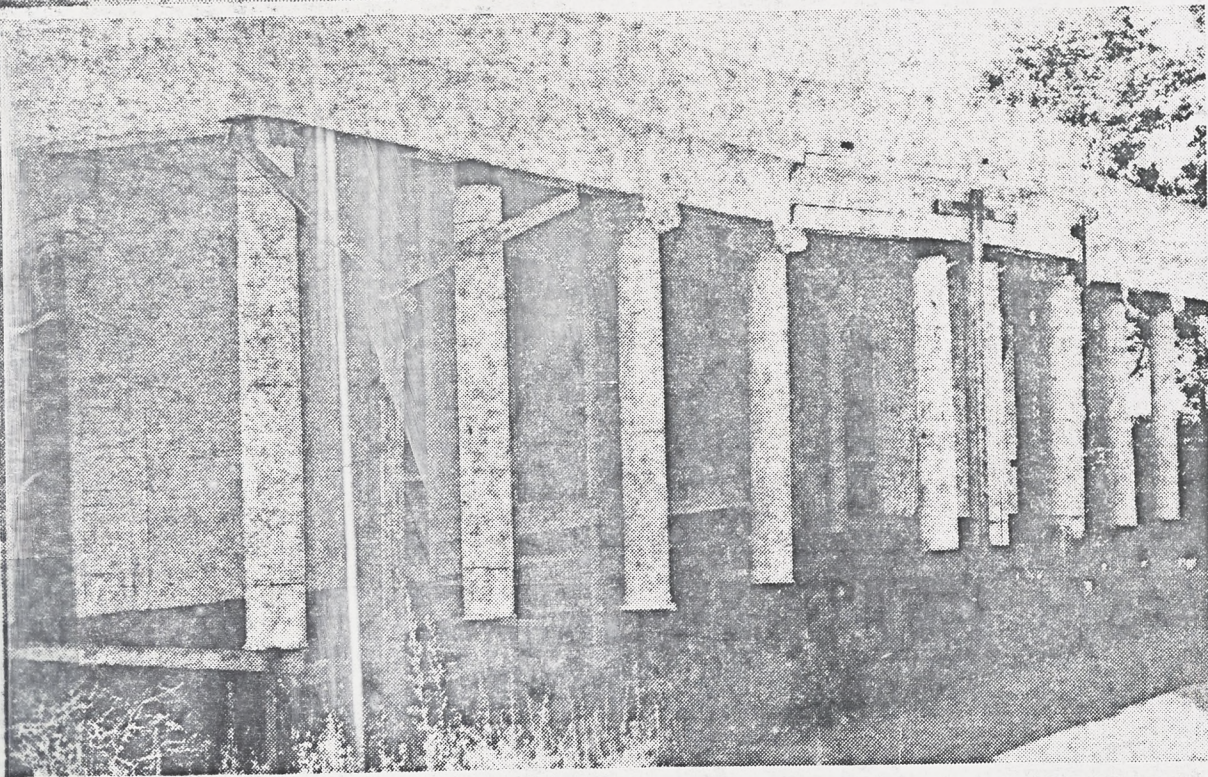
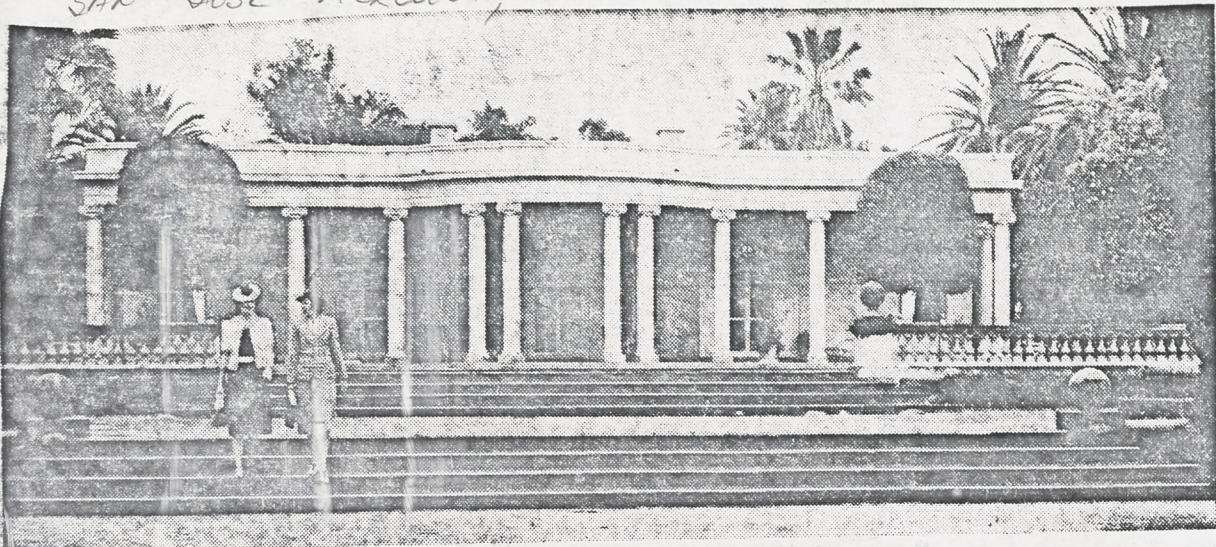
Strawberries and truck crops had replaced the vineyard when this photograph of the old Portal house was taken near the end of its nearly 90-year sentinel beside Stevens Creek

boulevard out Cupertino way. The captain's walk is clearly visible, and the letter "P" still remained on the weathervane when the house was torn down in 1959. (Staff Photos)

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New Move To Save Cupertino Link With Past

By DENNIS ROCKSTROH
staff writer

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Once an expansive farming community, this city's green fields and orchards are almost gone.

At a recent public meeting, Councilman Donald A. Frolich suggested an orchard should be purchased by the city, fenced off and preserved for future generations. He might find it an oddity — a relic of an era gone by.

"They isn't much left to save," said Daniel P. O'Keefe, chairman of the Cupertino Planning Commission. "There's the Parrish House and Charlie Baer's blacksmith shop. There isn't much more."

The Parrish House, an ornate, old white frame dwelling on Stevens Creek Boulevard west of Stelling Road, is recognized by those who are trying to save it for what it is — "all we have left."

Architects agree there's nothing significant about the old home of Enoch J. Parrish and his family. But it's one of Cupertino's last links with the past.

Professor Robert Middle-staff of Stanford University says preservation of the Parrish House will provide "a very positive effect on the community."

It will help to give Cupertino the image of a city with roots," he says.

The city council has agreed in principle that the house will be saved, but in the 15 years of debate over the old structure no council has come up with a plan to save it.

Those fighting to save

the old home say time and money to repair it and bring weather has taken its toll it up to code come to almost \$70,000.

But, O'Keefe, a leader in the fight to save the memento of an era gone by, says it pertains to the future of the city. "We're chewing up the building, and current estimates.

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The Parrish House is more the golden anniversary of the planning commission and the city council. Both panels have rejected the idea.

A parade of Cupertino old-timers have asked the council to preserve the home. Cupertino historian Louis Stokmeier has led a decade-long battle to save the building and many others that have fallen to the bulldozer during the developing years here.

O'Keefe will lead another battle to save the building when he goes before the city council later this month and perhaps in January and February when the council will hear suggestions for the spending of \$500,000 in federal funds coming to the city over a five-year period.

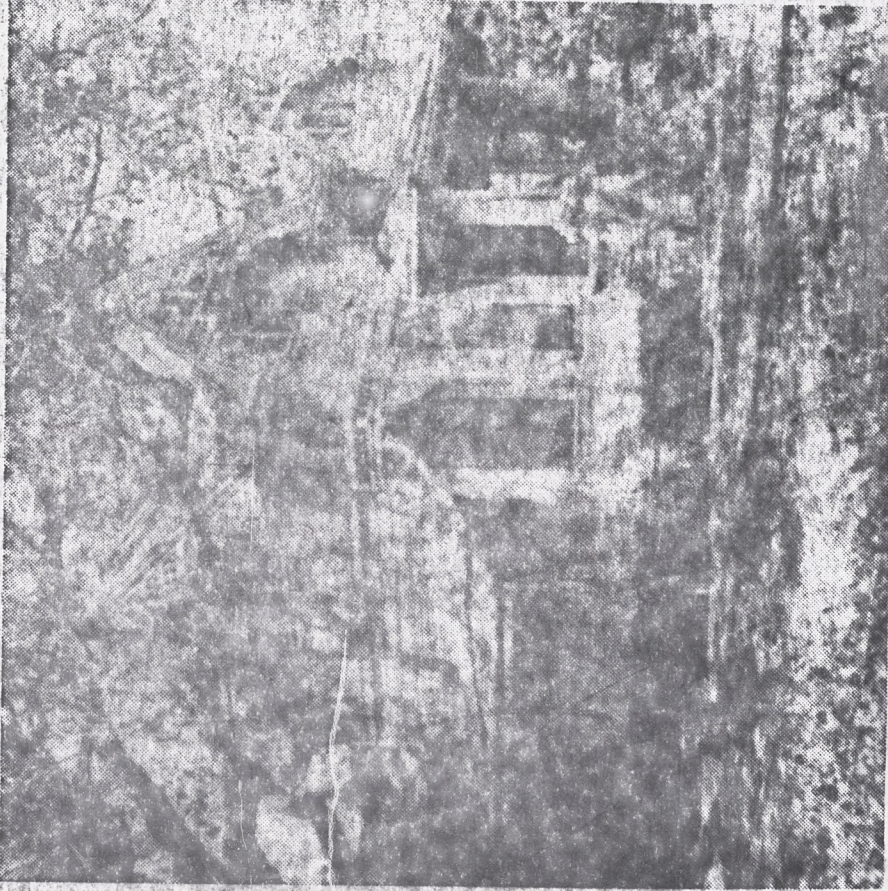
The money — made available through the Housing and Community Development Act — will be the subject of hearings Tuesday, Jan. 13 and Feb. 3. It may be the last attempt to save the old structure.

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—Staff Photo

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The house was built in 1894. Parrish was a contractor and builder who came to Cupertino in 1883 from Fresno. He built the Cupertino Union Church and a number of homes in the area including his own.

He brought his bride to the new home after the couple's wedding in San Mateo County in the spring of 1887. Parrish died in 1938 — the year after his golden wedding celebration — and his wife died in 1950.

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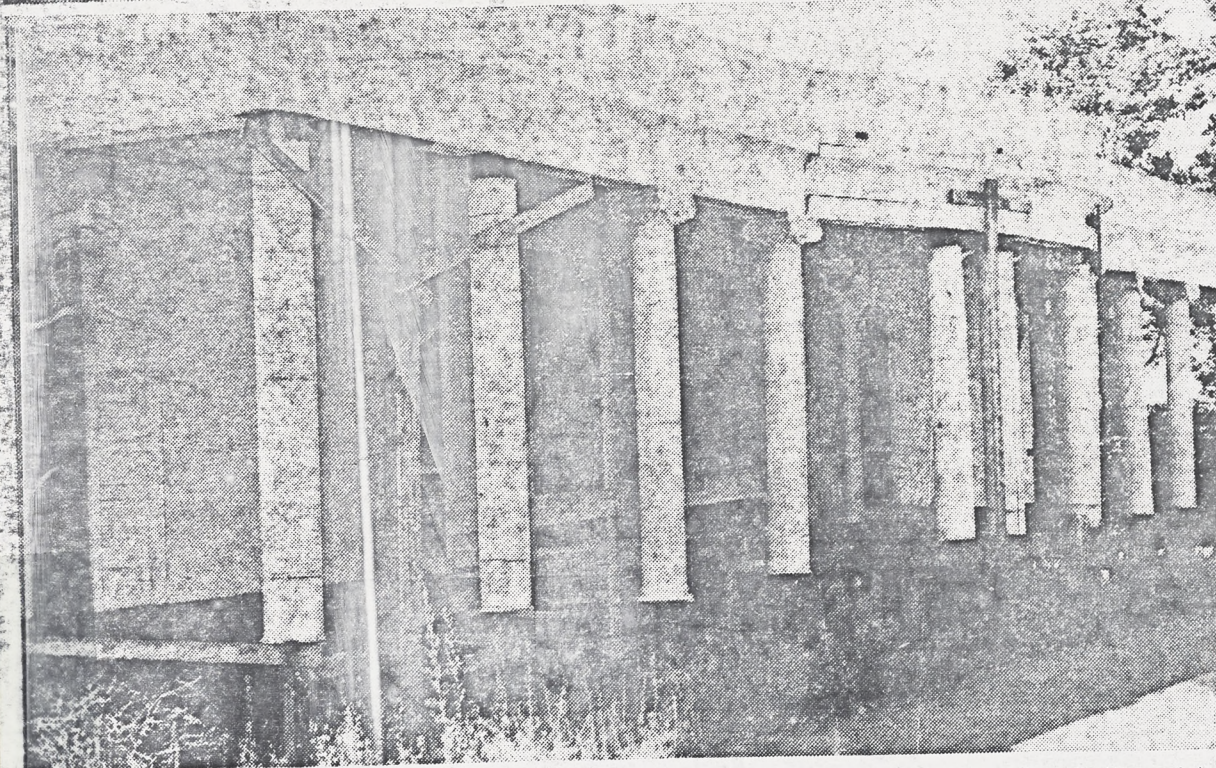
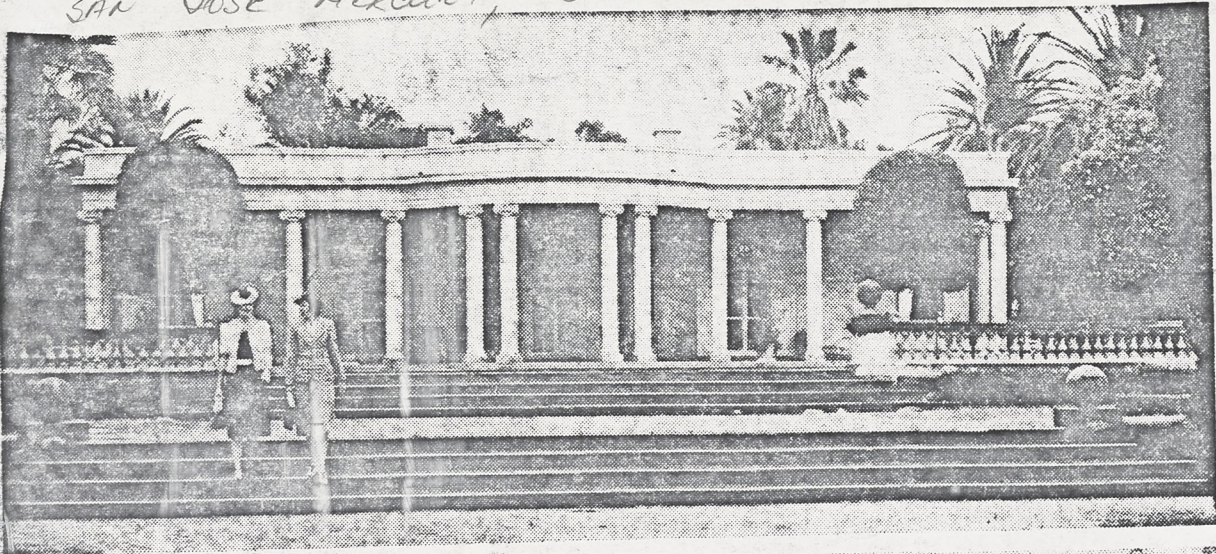
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Hope for Saving Landmark Brighter

By FAYE BOQUIST
Staff Writer

CUPERTINO — There's some hope for the future of the Le Petit Trianon mansion, which has been crumbling on the De Anza campus.

Though funds to restore the once-elegant summer home of Adm. Charles Baldwin are dribbling in to the Trianon Foundation too slowly to keep up with inflation, a glimmer of hope has arrived.

An assessment district required to make changes in parking traffic circulation at the college would include moving the Trianon to a permanent foundation, west of the sunken gardens to make room for the parking area.

The scope of work, according to Bert J. Viskovich, director of public works, would be to construct a parking facility adjacent to and west of Flint Center, relocate Le Petit Trianon, build a parking facility for the physically handicapped where the Trianon now stands and reconstruct various roadway and access facilities along or adjacent to Stevens Creek Boulevard and Stelling Road. The cost would be borne by the Foothill Community College District.

The college district has hired Wilbur Smith and As-

sociates to evaluate the existing geometric design and to recommend new construction and modification to existing facilities.

The anticipated time budget, according to City Manager Robert Quinlan, includes a report from the city engineer July 1 that will include plans and specifications of the proposed improvements, a statement of itemized estimated costs of acquisitions and improvements, diagram of assessment district and maps and descriptions of the lands and easements to be acquired.

Quinlan emphasized construction of modified vehicular entrances to the De Anza campus is necessary to accommodate the flow of vehicular traffic for public purposes.

Tentatively the Local Improvement District hearing will be Aug. 5.

If all goes well, the old mansion, built in the late 1800s, may be on its way to restoration, said Mayor Reed Sparks.

Scheduled for demolition in 1968, the building, through the efforts of Cupertino city historian Louis Stocklmeir was granted a stay of execution from the college district. Stocklmeir organized Trianon Foundation, a group determined to raise funds to restore the building and turn it into a museum to house local history papers and artifacts.

Stocklmeir estimates between \$100,000 and \$120,000 will be required to accomplish the first phase of the project — moving into a permanent foundation, completing the exterior and roof structure.

As money becomes available, phase 2 (interior) and phase 2 (landscaping) would go into force, he says.

The group has raised some \$60,000 in contributions and pledges and in fund-raising efforts. The latest was the sale of commemorative plates featuring a painting

of the historic building. The project was sponsored by the Soroptimist Club of Foothill Cities.

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A FOUNDATION WAS POURED recently for Le Petit Trianon on the De Anza college campus. Historian Louis Stocklmeir proudly notes that only five years ago, the building, which was designed by architect Willis Polk and served as the summer home of the Charles Baldwins, was due to be razed. When a Foothill community college assessment district was formed this summer for street improvements and a new parking lot at De Anza, the Trianon was destined for a new location on campus. The work is being financed through the improvement district. A goal now is rehabilitation of the interior as well as the exterior, according to Stocklmeir.

(Photography by Chuck Shawver)

LE PETIT TRIANON

CUPERTINO, CALIF.

New Hope For Old Mansion

By FAYE BOQUIST
Staff Writer

CUPERTINO — At the turn of the century when country homes were in vogue for San Francisco's gentry, Le Petit Trianon, was considered a gem, surrounded by vineyards and blooming orchards at "Beaulieu", the present De Anza College campus.

The mansion, a crumbling ghost waiting for reincarnation, may become that "gem" once more and, with luck, in time for the country's bicentennial festivities, according to William H. Cutler, director of business services for the Foothill Community College District.

The Trianon Foundation, a group formed to raise funds to preserve the classic structure, has struggled for years, first to prevent its

demolition and then to get money. They lucked out on the first phase of restoration when an assessment district included the moving and permanent foundation for the building into its plans.

The relocation of the Trianon about 350 feet north of its present location is required to build a parking facility for the physically handicapped where the Trianon now stands on blocks.

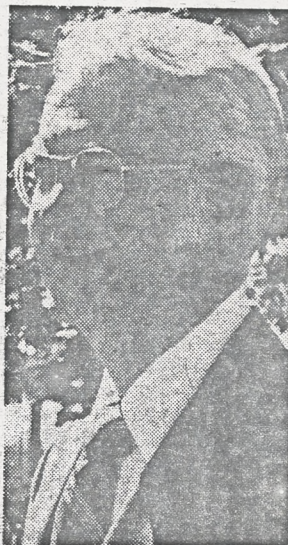
The cost, about \$104,000, of moving the structure will be borne by the Foothill Community College District, and is included in the total \$870,000. This includes construction of a new parking lot to serve Flint Center.

The Stelling road modifications were completed a day before De Anza students needed to use the entrance for the first day of the fall quarter, according to the Cupertino department of public works.

The changes on Mary Avenue have not required the closing of the road.

The excavation for the Trianon is completed and carpenters are working to form the permanent foundation, according to Bob Frame consultant and inspector.

Maury Galipeaux, manager of the appliances



WILLIAM CUTLER
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services for the community college district, is the certified inspector for the Trianon building. Galipeaux acknowledges "a technical problem in moving the building — one of a structural nature."

But Cutler continues to think positively. "These guys know what they're doing," he said. "I'm confident it will hold together."

He contends that it is the

"bad image" it has made that has turned people off with a "why waste the money?" attitude.

He believes phase II (making the exterior look like it once did historically) and phase III (turning the interior into the Foundation's dreams of a museum) will both cost roughly \$100,000.

Sources of revenue?

"Hopefully," said Cutler, "we will have some money available as a result of the citizens' passage of Prop. 1." It allots \$250 million for state park and local park acquisition and development.

"Of course," he added, "we have no official acknowledgment from Cupertino how much we will get."

The Trianon Foundation has some \$15,000 on hand, he said, plus a "lot of pledges if collected could bring in another \$50,000."

A final resource, the business services director said, is a possible grant from the federal government via state distribution which is part of a national effort to restore historical landmarks.

"We have applied for \$94,000," he said.

"Yes, the bicentennial would be a wonderful target to work toward," he stated.

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Josephine Picchetti retires

A familiar name will be absent at Montebello board

By CONNIE REVELL

WITH JOSEPHINE PICCHETTI retiring from the Montebello school board at the end of this term after serving 45 years, it will be the first time in the 83-year history of the school that a member of the Picchetti family hasn't been on the board.

But Mrs. Picchetti, at 72, doesn't mind. "There are lots of young couples around here now, with young people in school," she says. "I think it's more than right that they take over."

The Picchettis already were taking an active interest in local school affairs when Josephine arrived here from Italy in 1921 to marry one of the Picchetti brothers, John, whom she had met when he still lived in Italy. They married as soon as she arrived, and moved into the huge frame house on the family horse ranch in Montebello. It was an extended family arrangement, and Josephine helped raise her nephews as well as her own three children and one son of her husband by a previous marriage.

"**IT WAS FUN**, but it was a lot of hard work," she recalls.

YEARS EARLIER her father-in-law, Vincent Picchetti, had grown tired of carting his sons to faraway San Antonio school, and joined other Montebello area residents in carving out a school district of their own. When the Montebello school was built in 1892, Vincent Picchetti was one of the first trustees. He served on the board

for years, and when he died in 1904, his wife was appointed to serve out his term.

"She stayed on the board until her oldest son, Anton, was old enough," Mrs. Picchetti explains. "And then he took over until it got so he was tired of it, and then it was my husband's turn."

John remained on the board several years, she says, and "then one day he told me it was time I took over." So he stepped down, she was appointed to replace him, and then she was elected to several terms — "I forget just how many," she says.

SCHOOL INVOLVEMENT for the Picchetti family never stopped with board membership. "We had the teacher living here with us, like a member of the family, for many years," Mrs. Picchetti recalls. "It all started when the family that one teacher was staying with treated her badly, and she came to my mother-in-law and begged to stay with us."

She recalls helping give parties for the teacher at the school. "We would dance to accordion music," she says. "And I think people had more fun, were closer, in those days before they had cars."

She was even instrumental once in saving the tiny school from being closed. She says that at the end of one school year there were only three pupils in the school. But a determined teacher, Mrs. Mildred Jones, asked Mrs. Picchetti to join her in canvassing the countryside. "She thought maybe there were Montebello students going to other schools in Saratoga and Los Altos," she explains. "And she was right,



RETIRING AFTER 45 years on the Montebello school board, Josephine Picchetti has no regrets. It's time the younger people took over, she says. Her retirement ends a succession of Picchetti family members on the board dating back to the school's founding in 1892.

(Photography by Jim Robison)

because we went to every house and we found nine students. The school stayed open."

TODAY THE SCHOOL has 33 students and will soon be moved into new quarters. "Our old school didn't meet earthquake standards," Mrs. Picchetti says. "But it went through the 1906 earthquake without a scratch."

Sitting in the dining room at the family ranch, with its 20-foot table lined with a

dozen chairs, Mrs. Picchetti recalls her days on the board. "We had a few board meetings here," she says. "Right here by the fireplace."

Though her retirement will end a long succession of Picchettis on the board, there is hope for the family's continued involvement. Her great-greaddaughter, now two years old, lives in the Montebello district. "Oh, yes, she will go to school here," Mrs. Picchetti affirms.

Montebello--a most unusual school district

By SUE BEVING

TINY MONTEBELLO school district, which held groundbreaking ceremonies last week for a new school, is unusual in more ways than one.

For several years it has been carrying a large budget surplus. At the beginning of 1974-75 the reserve totaled \$26,000.

The surplus exceeded the \$23,007 the district spent last year. For this year, the district projected an income of \$37,460, which does not include the \$26,000 beginning balance. Trustee Bob Edmiston says he is not sure when the surplus was accumulated. "We got it before I got on the board. It used to be higher—about \$32,000. I guess we just sort of break even each year. (so the reserve is retained)," he added.

IN 1971-72, THE DISTRICT refused to levy a tax, except for a 98 cents areawide tax, which is required by law. County Schools Business Manager Terry McHenry, in researching the history on the unusual decision, explained that his predecessor had levied a tax against the wishes of the board in 1970-71, or at least a tax higher than what trustees wanted. So the following year they dropped the tax.

"The county office almost ends up running the affairs of that district because there is only one staff member there," he added.

But, Tish Picchetti, who was on the board then, has her own version of why a tax was not imposed. "We had quite a bit of money and there was a lot of talk about unification then. We didn't want to give our money to the high school district. So we didn't have a tax. I guess we were just being stubborn," she said.

Fortunately, that year was not the one when SB 90, the state school finance bill, took hold so the district's future revenues were not affected by not imposing the tax.

ONE OF THE BONES of contention in unification battles always has been that small districts, such as Montebello, receive extra monies from the state to maintain themselves simply because they are small.

"We've been involved in three unification wars. That's because we're involved in the Fremont high school district. We don't see any overall advantage in flatland schools because of the

transportation. We would lose our school and most importantly our tax rate would shoot up. Then we would have to pay \$4 or whatever Cupertino pays," Edmiston declared.

During the last unification attempt in 1972, when one of the proposals was to merge a portion of the Cupertino and Fremont districts and Montebello, Montebello joined with Lakeside and Loma Prieta districts in filing a lawsuit seeking to not be included in the unification or if the election were successful, to have it overturned. But, the election failed.

THE THREE SMALL districts, which sued the county schools superintendent and county committee on school district organization, were supported by the statewide Small School District organization.

Members of the county committee maintained that the Montebello school would not be "swallowed up" in unification—that it could be retained.

According to a 1974-75 county school data book Montebello is still doing okay financially. It has an assessed valuation of \$2.056 million and the local money behind each child in 1973-74 amounted to \$85,706. The countywide average for elementary districts was \$17,160. In 1969-70, Montebello's local monies behind each student were even higher, \$100,827. It's total tax rate is \$2.031. Of that amount \$1.021 is an areawide tax from which Cupertino and Sunnyvale also benefit.

EACH YEAR THE district accumulates more students, the local monies per ADA falls, Edmiston notes. "We probably will have 32-35 kids next year. It depends on how well we can transport some kids from the skyline," he notes.

After the unification election in 1972, the state education department asked the county committee on school district organization to examine what alternatives would be available for housing Montebello students. Such action is routine when state building funds are requested, a committee member said.

The committee reported that Montebello school in the Cupertino school district could hold the Montebello students. But, the committee did not take a stand on the Montebello fund request because it was out of its jurisdiction, members said.



GROUNDBREAKING CEREMONIES were held last Wednesday for a new Montebello school, which is expected to be completed by September. Turning over some dirt for the project are Josephine Picchetti, who served on the board for 45 years; Trustee Bob Edmiston, who is also principal of Dilworth school in the Cupertino school district; new Trustee C.R. Barkowski; teacher-principal Mildred Jones; and Mrs. Dottie Milton.

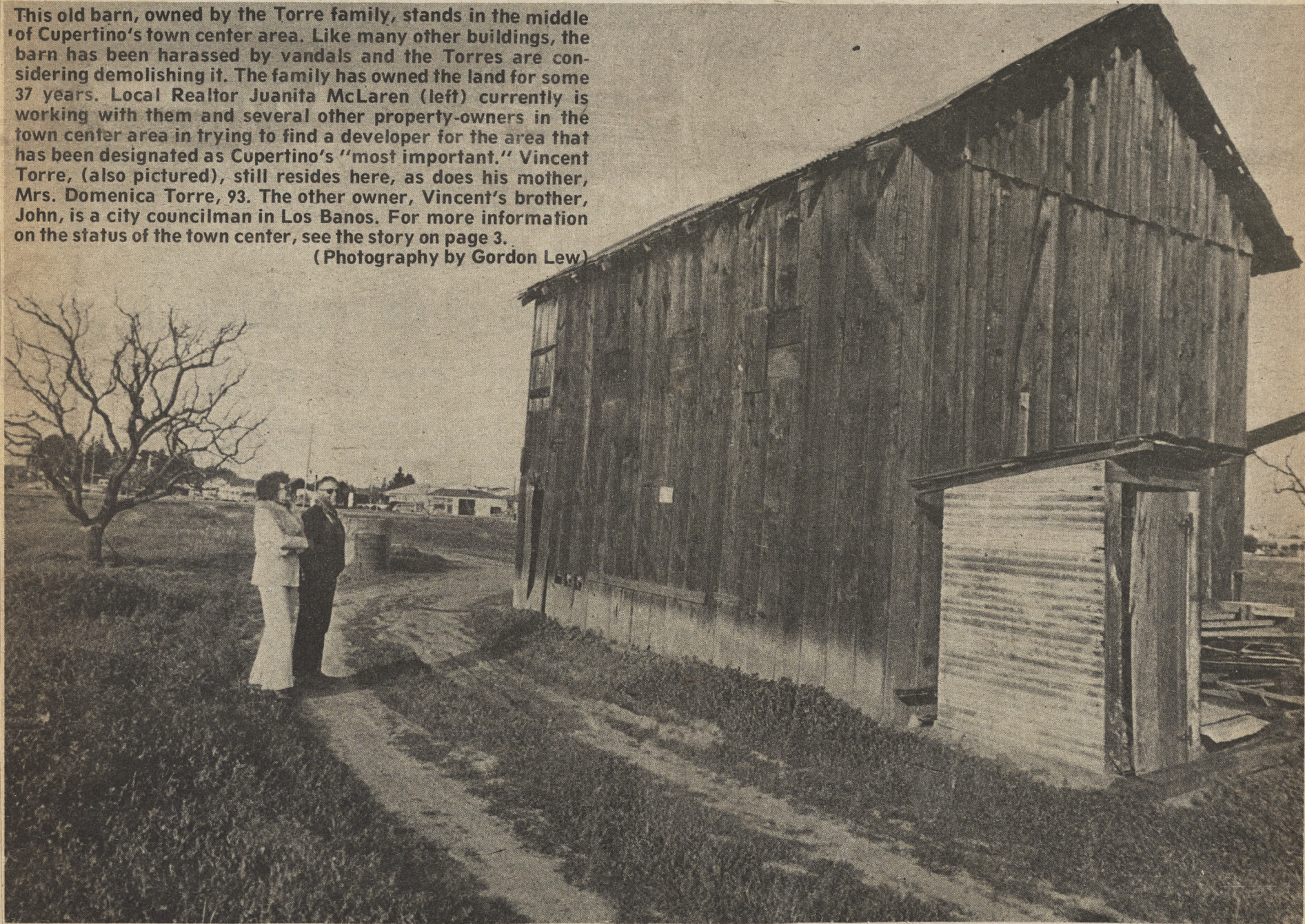
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A remnant of past in middle of town center

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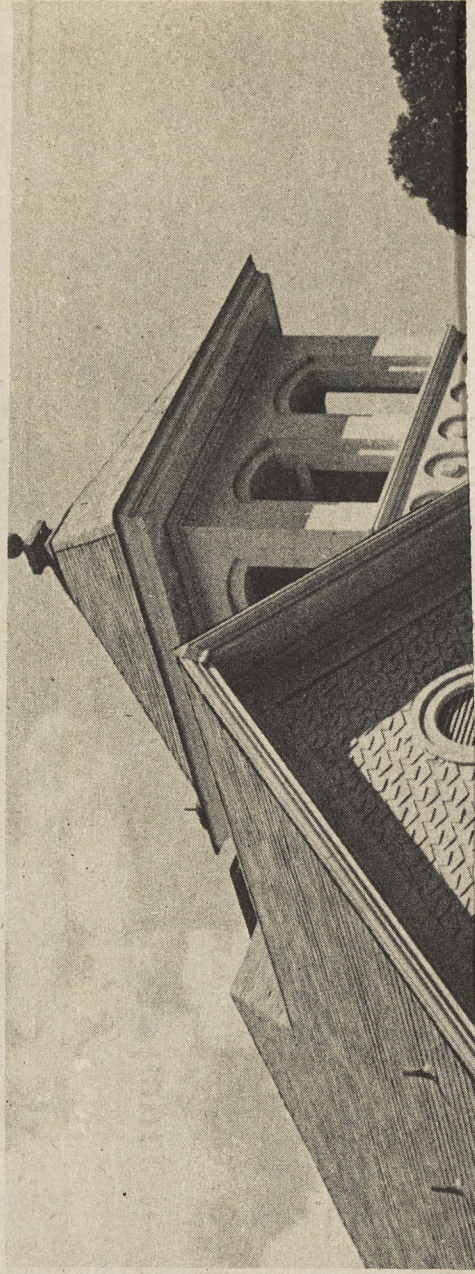
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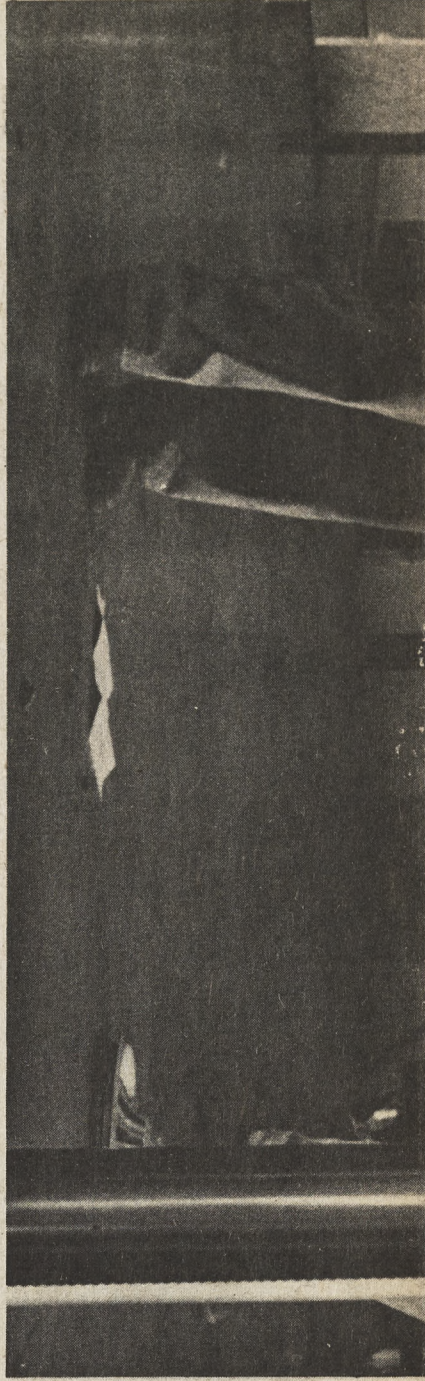
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With his patient on a hoist, Dave Cardoza, student in the auto technology laboratory at De Anza college, goes to work. Cardoza is one of the program's majors, which means he will complete two years in automobile technology. Most of the union locals in the area give such students two years credit toward their apprenticeships. Hence, they would have only two more years to complete of a four year stint.

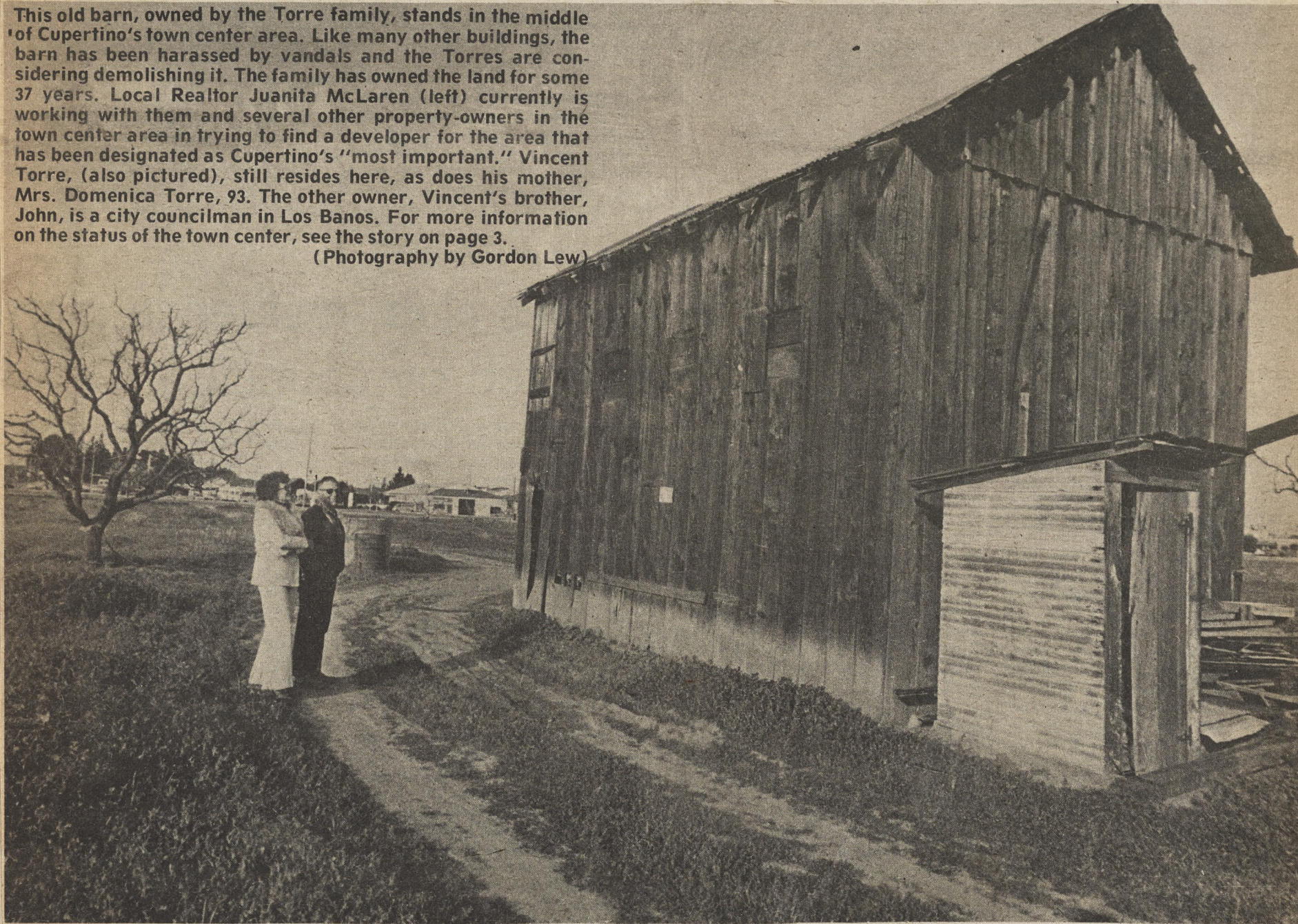


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De Oro club, which is used by the Cupertino Federated Women's club, once served as Collins school in the 1800's. It is a state point of historical interest.

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THE PLANNERS COMPILED their own roster of potentially historical sites and suggested efforts be made to try to add them to the state inventory. They are the Picchetti winery, Ridge Vineyard, barn and water tower behind Parrish house, Charley Baer's blacksmith shop and house, the Quinterno home in Monta Vista near the railroad tracks, Mary Knoll school, Elisha Stephens' homestead which is now Blackberry farm and the J.T. Doyle home and winery.

"Funding opportunities related to historical preservation are rather limited if almost nonexistent," Sisk declared.

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This barn and water tower behind the Parrish house on Stevens Creek boulevard is the oldest structure in Cupertino, according to the city planning staff.

(Photography by Jim Robison)



Eileen Love, a 1972 graduate of Cupertino high school, was married to Larry Stenvick of Sacramento Jan. 4 at the Salmon Army chapel in Sacramento. Eileen is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Love of 281 Madrone ave., Santa Clara, and Larry the son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Stenvick of Sacramento. Larry's father officiated at the ceremony. Julie Love of Santa Clara, the bride's sister, served as maid of honor; Carol Stenvick of Sacramento and Julie Zink of Santa Clara as bridesmaids and Kelly Amy Brown, the bride's nieces, as flower girls. Timothy Stenvick of Sacramento served as his brother's best man. Tom Love and Jim Genovese of San Francisco as ushers. The groom is a business administration major at Sacramento state university and the bride is studying nursing there. They will live in Sacramento.



Eileen Love



Karen Letzring and Paul Skinner, graduates of Lynbrook high school, were recently married by Bishop Harold J. Moody of Cupertino. Karen is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Letzring of Somerville drive, Saratoga, and Paul, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Skinner of Dartmoor way, San Jose. The couple is residing in Boulder, Colo., where Karen is majoring in English at the University of Colorado.

Newlyweds to honeymoon after graduation in June

NEWLY MARRIED Mr. and Mrs. Peter Whitford Snyder (Dollie Carlene Snyder) are postponing a wedding trip until after their graduation in June from Stanford university. The bride, granddaughter of Mrs. Necanic of Fresno, graduated from high school in Fresno and is now in education at the university. Mr. and Mrs. Clark L. Snyder of View, the groom followed his graduation from Awalt high school by attending the University of Puget Sound. A major at Fresno State, he was first oboist with California Youth band during his high school

A petal pink and ruby red color scheme was featured at the wedding and reception. In charge of the guest book was Mrs. Eugene Whitford, assisted by Linda and Chrissie Roslund, daughters of Mr. and Mrs. John Roslund of Cupertino. Favors made by the bride were distributed to the guests by Debbie, Rachelle and Suzette Anderson, daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Anderson of Los Altos, and by Debbie and Shari Horn, daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Wentz of Santa Clara. Background music for the reception was played by Mrs. Robert Worcester of Los Altos.



Mr. and Mrs. Peter Whitford Snyder
(Peter Hughes photo)

room's father is a retired pharmacist, retired as a teacher in school district, is now a consultant at Anza college. The wedding was held at the Los Gatos United Methodist church was for the couple's Dec. 21 wedding. Rev. Glenn Fuller and the Rev. Errell officiated at the 4 p.m. ceremony, which was followed by a reception in the Fireside room of the church. For the occasion was Susan Gottschalk, maid of honor, who sang the key's "The Wedding Song." As best man and matron of honor were the groom's brother and sister-in-law, David and Connie Snyder of Long Beach. A second brother, Charles, of Dallas, Tex., was unable to attend.

The groom, Edward V. McAlister of Los Gatos, a former Awalt classmate; the bride, Dollie L. Whitford of Los Gatos, a former classmate, and Gary M. Johnson, a former classmate.

Patricia Klocke will marry Dennis Storhaug

Klocke, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lore Klocke of 22443 Riverside drive, Cupertino, has announced she will marry Dennis Storhaug of Zahl, N.D., Aug. 1. She was graduated from high school in 1971. She attended the University of Washington, where she received a degree in fashion design from Brooks

women college, Long Beach, Calif., in September. She presently is employed in a dress shop in Las Vegas. Dennis was graduated from Grenora high school in North Dakota in 1966 and the University of North Dakota with a bachelor's degree in science and a master's degree in 1970. He is an oil geologist serving as a first lieutenant with the Air Force. The couple met at a ski club in Washington.

Stanford grads to wed in June

Stanford university graduates Ann Bowen Scholey and Timothy Edward Brophy are planning to be married June 28 at Stanford Memorial church. Engagement of the couple, who met at Stanford-in-Germany, is being announced by Ann's parents, Mrs. and Mrs. Walter Leland Scholey of Los Altos.



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The future bride graduated from Homestead high school in 1970 and from Stanford as a psychology major in 1974. She is now employed as a mill coordinator for US Plywood in Eugene, Ore.

Her fiancé, son of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Michael Brophy of Medford, Ore., graduated in 1970 from St. Mary's high school and in 1974 from Stanford, where he was a member of Zeta Psi fraternity and a history major. He will attend law school in the fall.

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Paul McLaughlin, a graduate of Cupertino high school, was married to Teresa Huffman of San Jose Jan. 25 at Peninsula Bible college in Palo Alto.

daughter of Herman and Doris Huffman of San Jose.

Paul studied child care at West Valley college and works as a counselor at Arbutus boys' ranch. Teresa is employed as a medical assistant at Alexian Medical group and attends West Valley evenings.

Paul is the son of Barney and Lorraine McLaughlin of Saratoga and Teresa, the

Brown-Robinson tell wedding plans

Deborah "Charlie" Brown and Walter Robinson Jr., 1968 graduates of Homestead high school and Cupertino high school respectively, have announced they will be married Feb. 15 at Cupertino Union church.

Deborah is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James E. Brown of 10409 Bonny drive and Walter, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Robinson, 3422 Geneva drive, Santa Clara.

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By SUE BEVING

A NEW ROAD or street widening can change the character of a neighborhood or town.

A widening that is now being mulled by the City of Cupertino is Stevens Creek boulevard through Monta Vista. "We're determining a plan line for Stevens Creek out to Foothill boulevard. The character of Monta Vista is one of the things that we have to deal with," notes Assistant Planning Director Bob Cowan.

The question of widening the street is not a new one. As most residents will tell you: "It's been hanging around for many years." Nor is it an easy one. Some of Monta Vista is still unincorporated, governed by the county. The widening project would have to be a joint venture.

City Manager Bob Quinlan says he believes monies for the street widening have been included in the city's past five year capital improvements programs. However, they were "unprogrammed," meaning they were not tied to any of the five years. However, this year's proposed five-year plan allocates \$125,000 for right of way acquisition from Bubba to Byrne in 1975-76, \$216,000 in 1976-77, \$260,000 for 1977-78 and \$312,000 and \$215,000 for the following two years. An additional \$400,000 for construction costs would be unprogrammed.

Assistant Public Works Director Trance Whitten says negotiations have not begun with the county because the five year program has not yet been adopted by the council. "We're working on the width (of the street) now. We want to get a plan line from Bubba to Foothill, so no development can occur there (in the plan line)," he adds.

COMPLETION OF THE project could be many years down the line, both he and Quinlan point out. "If it takes that long to

buy right of way to Byrne, it probably will take three, to four to five years to buy right of way to Foothill. It could take eight to ten years to get enough money to work on it," Whitten says.

Quinlan notes that the street widening plans had to await adoption of land use plans for filling of the valley floor. "We needed to know the densities to know what kind of traffic would be generated," he said.

Planning Director Jim Sisk says general plan elements did not propose any great changes for Monta Vista. However, one of the decisions is that any future commercial development should be concentrated in the existing commercial section of Monta Vista. "There is not a lot of vacant land of magnitude out there. There is some frontage that could be developed," he said. The issue of Monta Vista's character and the actual location of Monta Vista is not an easy one.

A quick drive through the "town" offers the impression of old bars, old homes, a cannery, lack of curbs and gutters, a shopping center anchored by Rifredi's market, a vacant center previously occupied by a furniture store, a railroad track which seems to separate Monta Vista from Cupertino and intimidating Kaiser-Permanente trucks dominating Foothill boulevard. And above all, a rural atmosphere.

Ironically, Rifredi's market is located in Cupertino. That area was annexed. "Monta Vista is just a loose term for the older area that was developed in the county," explains planning director Sisk.

ANGELO "CHEET" QUINTERNO, a partner in Rifredi's is a Monta Vista buff. He has lived there since 1914. The native of Italy once lived in a house across from the market that is now for sale. "I'll always remember this as a nice little place to live. I used to see the orchards with blossoms

and fruit. Now you can hardly cross the street without getting hit by a car. But, that's progress," he says. Rifredi's store is about 35 years old, he says. Previously, it was located in the hardware store, bringing its total age to more than 40.

Don Bettisworth, of Monta Vista Paint store who is also president of the Cupertino Chamber of Commerce, says his business is doing fine. Bettisworth says he "doesn't see anything fabulous for the future" of Monta Vista. "Efforts to start a bank about three years ago failed." The prognosis was there were not even heavy depositors.

"It (Monta Vista) will change with time because it has to serve the area. But, not as much. People move here for the rural atmosphere. A proposed shopping center at Foothill and Stevens Creek was opposed because people wanted it to remain the way it was," he says.

ANN ANGER, Monta Vista activist who watchdogs both city and county government, is of a somewhat different mind. She would like to get Stevens Creek widened. "I'd like to know because then we could go to developers and get a nice Town and Country-type shopping center," she explains. Mrs. Anger also would like to see Monta Vista become part of Cupertino. She is dissatisfied with the service the county provides. She believes the county treats unincorporated areas as stepchildren.

Census data collected in 1970 lists Monta Vista's population at 2,247 people (however, this includes areas of San Jose and Cupertino). Median income was placed at \$12,848 and the average value of homes at \$28,400.

Historian Louis Stockmeir notes that Monta Vista's origins date back to the 1850's. However, it was developed by George Hensley. In some cases, the lots were so small they were used as summer homes by San Franciscans.



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When the city planning department did a survey of the city to determine buildings that might have historical significance the only thing they could find left in Monta Vista, according to planners, was the "Quintero" house behind the Quintero Shell station on Stevens Creek boulevard. According to historian Louis Stockmeir, the house was built by a Monta Vista pioneer about 1910 and acquired by the Quinteros between 1920-1930.



Scott Savory and Chris Mitchell take an afternoon bike ride past Monta Vista's cannery, established in 1914 on Imperial avenue. It was purchased in 1927 by Richard Woefel. The cannery was sold by Woefel's widow, Blanche, in 1973 to Stapleton-Spence Packing co. of San Jose.

(Photography by Phil Nelson)



Thomas Mullen, 84, "came down" to Monta Vista in 1920. He currently lives on Granada ave., which he notes is in Cupertino. "I was up (living) near the creek before they put the dam in. My wife and I liked it very much," he recalls. Mullen was a concessionaire at the Bay Meadows race track and commuted there each day. He recalls when Monta Vista was "all summer homes."

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The way of Regnart Canyon

The peaceful life interrupted by a struggle to save the rural feeling

By SHEILA HIGHET

AFTER WENDING WESTERLY on Bubb road, a right turn will run you onto Regnart road, a typical Cupertino tract street in wide, straight, and sidewalked style. But the road's personality quickly changes as it tenderizes and winds into historical and recently politicized Regnart Canyon.

At the end of the nicely-paved, city-maintained portion of the road, Regnart forks into the rural canyon via two resident-maintained roads, one gravel and one gutted. But the Regnart residents are an independent lot, more concerned about rural beauty and quiet than city conveniences.

They are currently embroiled in two controversies with Cupertino, one concerning Sunnyvale Cablevision's hillside antennae that some complain is an eyesore. Richard Childress, a four-year canyon dweller and president of the residents' private water company, says he has asked Cupertino officials to divulge the conditions under which Cablevision got a permit to build its obtrusive signal-receiver up on the hill.

"IF NOT ALL THE CONDITIONS of the original permit have been met," says Childress, "we will push to see that they are met." He adds that one of the original conditions may have been some sort of screening or landscaping of the structure to camouflage it.

Also at issue among the 17 families in Regnart Canyon is the city's hillside study, which could involve the rezoning of the area as a rural service area rather than the present urban service area. (See related story on page 3.)

Childress says most Regnart Canyon residents want the rezoning, as a compromise between widespread hillside development and no development at all. "We can't ask people not to develop at all," he notes. "But I would hate to see the natural beauty ruined."

He adds that he's been pleased with the planning commission's atti-



Reglin Mutual Water co. president Richard Childress examines one of the resident-owned

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(Photography by Gordon Lew)

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A SYMBOL OF THE long-standing independent nature of Regnart Canyon dwellers is Reglin Mutual Water co., started 17 years ago and now serving 60 homes, including the Candyrock development. The company's board of directors is elected annually by the users, with one long-time resident who reads the meter and keeps the books as the only paid employee.

Childress, the board's current president and maintenance man, is quick to point out that Regnart Canyon residents shy away from organizations and leaders. Decisions about the water company are made collectively by the board.

"The water company made a few dollars last year," he notes. "So we had to decide to either give a little money back to the people or put in some landscaping." The board opted for landscaping, and so far there's been no outcry against the decision.

Vernie Childress, an avid potter with a thriving private business, notes that the canyon has no homeowners' association. "If somebody has a

hankering for privacy brought them to Regnart Canyon. "When you move up here you have to accept what's here," Childress asserts. "You can't come up here and try to change the environment. It's an area for horses and there'll be horses here."

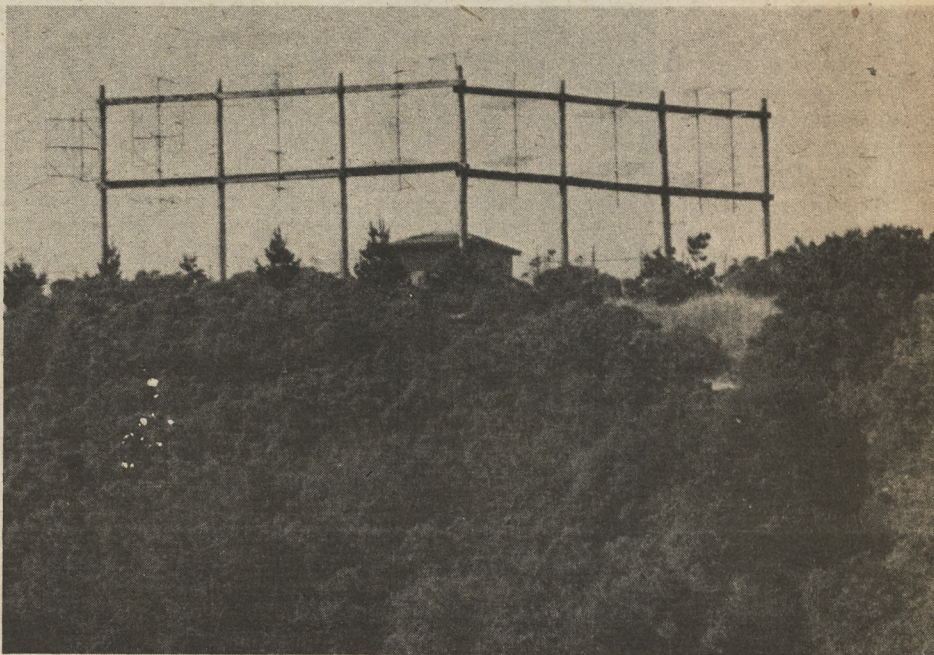
HERB REGNART, JR., a descendant of the family that once owned the entire canyon, runs one of the stables there. His father donated a portion of the land for Regnart school, and his sister was the first school district nurse. According to *Cupertino Chronicle*, published this year by the California History center at De Anza college, the canyon was originally purchased by Regnart's great-grandfather and used for prunes and vines.

Regnart, 56, has spent all his years in the canyon. "It's better way up here," says the hill-dweller. "You can look down and watch that mad mess down there."

While Regnart notes that the canyon gets little in the way of city services, he was the prime mover behind annexation in the early 60's. "San Jose was nosing around," he recalls, "and I didn't want to go to San Jose. Cupertino's bad enough. What's San Jose got to offer us?"

on their own, but when we do need each other it's really quite cordial."

The hillside cable antennae rankles Nellis, especially since the company doesn't service Cupertino residents. But she isn't adamant about taking it down, noting, "It sticks out in a rather prominent place, but it seems like an antenna has to be on top of a hill."



As viewed across the canyon from the Childress home, Sunnyvale Cablevision's hillside antennae may soon spur a petition drive among canyon residents to either camouflage it or get rid of it altogether.

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"EVERYBODY UP HERE IS independent, but we know we can count on each other," she notes. "I feel safer up here than I would in the flatlands." Mrs. Childress points out that burglaries are few in the canyon, and when residents go on vacations, others keep an eye out for intruders.

Her husband echoes this feeling, noting, "We all came up here to get away from people. Everybody leads a separate life, but if you need somebody you can count on them." Down in the tracts, people come and go all the time."

The Childresses, whose own menagerie includes homing pigeons, chickens, a dog, cat "and two kids," also point to the wildlife as another attraction of life in the canyon. Among the animals are squirrels, skunks, raccoons, deer, possum, coyotes and rabbits.

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WHEN ASKED WHAT services the city provides the canyon, the Childresses, Regnart, and City Councilmember Kathy Nellis (also a Regnart Canyon resident) all replied, "nothing."

"Just this year we got garbage service," says Nellis. "But we still have to take it down to the mailboxes (where the city road ends)."

(About 100 acres of the 350-acre canyon are still county land. City services to the area are "kind of limited," says assistant public works director Travice Whitten, since all of the homes are on septic tanks. But he adds that residents have access to libraries and parks.)

Nellis also agrees with the Childresses and Regnart that large lot development would be an appropriate compromise between tracts and total open space.

An 11-year canyon dweller, Nellis enjoys the "very rural environment that's so close to the conveniences of urbanized living. Everybody's sort of



Way down in the valley lies one of several old barns in Regnart Canyon. Some are used as horse stables and some for hay storage.

Vandalized, fire-damaged
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Harrington's project, titled, "A Systems Approach to Mental Health Care in a Health Maintenance Organization Model," aims to eventually integrate mental health services into Kaiser and to provide early detection of psycho-social problems.

Others are pointed toward a series of self-help classes being offered in conjunction with West Valley college. The classes deal with such things as marriage communication, sexuality, financial planning and diet and are open to the public. (For information, contact Sara Nasser at 985-4090).

People with alcohol problems might be referred to Alcoholics Anonymous. But those with more significant life stress (someone anticipating a death in the family or in the throes of divorce) would be likely subjects for more intensive emotional counseling at a special medical clinic. The medically sick would be referred to physicians or to a specific clinic.

study group patients are confronted with their health and risk scores and informed of preventive measures by a specially trained nurse practitioner.

Does medical care make people sick? Does the existence of a pre-paid health plan like Kaiser encourage people who need some kind of help but don't know where to turn to "get sick?" Can you teach people to be well when they're not medically sick?

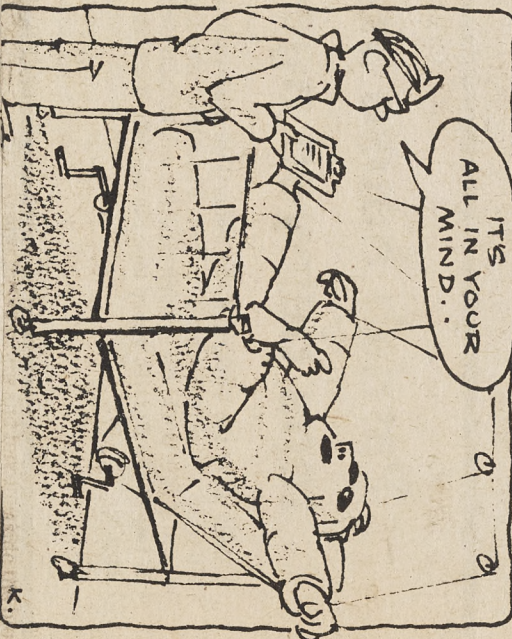
By focusing on what's ailing patients and teaching stress coping skills, is it possible to prevent future medical and emotional problems? For now, there are no clear-cut answers. But Harrington hopes to have them when the massive study ends in 1977.

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Vegetative Counselors
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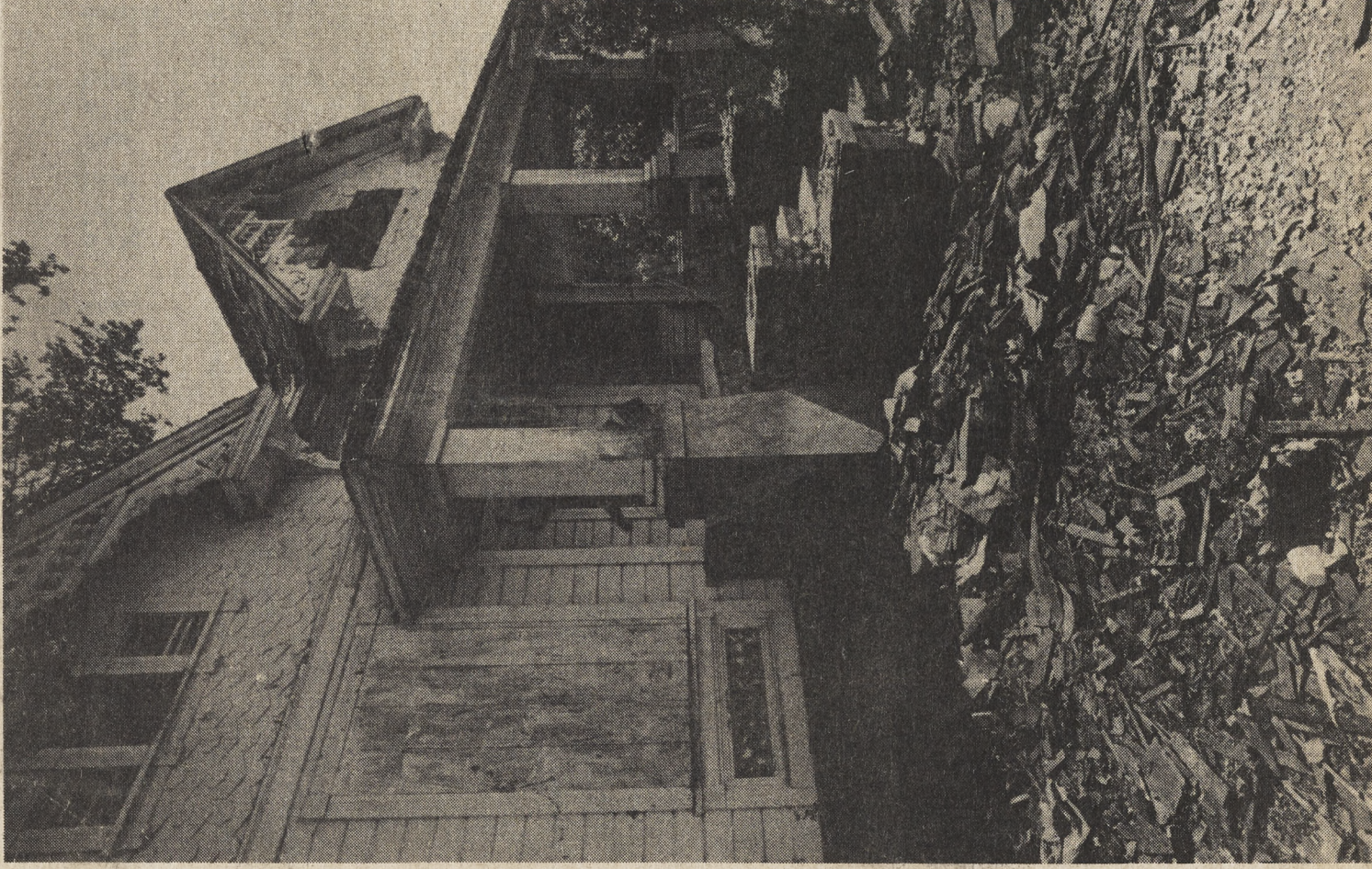
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City Councilman Reed Sparks said late last week he might consider asking his fellow council members to allow voters to decide the fate of the house.

City Manager Bob Quinlan has recommended that the Victorian style home be dismantled but that distinctive features such as the gingerbread trim be salvaged. He estimated demolition and salvaging costs at \$1,600.

Quinlan has mentioned the alternative of building a replica to be used for community meetings in McClellan Ranch park, but his recommendation is only for tearing down the structure. Construction of a replica would cost about \$90,000, he said.

"Discouraged and disgusted" is how Carolyn Davies, a grand niece of Parrish and member of the Cupertino Historical Society, described her feelings about how the house has been handled. "I blame the city council," she says. "The house has been owned by the city since 1966 and they didn't do anything with it. Vandalism or a fire was bound to happen."

INTEREST IN RESTORING the Parrish house was high in 1966 and building costs were comparatively low, she adds.

Davies is opposed to building a replica. "Why build a brand new house to look just like the old one?" she asks.

"This house is the image of what houses in this area used to look like. And since Parrish was an architect, it's distinctive to the valley's history," she adds, noting that the old Russian church in Fort Bragg was gutted by fire recently, but that community found the funds to rebuild it.

"In San Francisco, they've got federal funds for restoration work. Why can't that be done here?"

Davies notes that nearby cities, such as Santa Clara, have restored their Victorian

homes, and that Cupertino has little, if anything, of historical value left.

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Mayor Jim Jackson could ask for more community interest in saving the structure. An informal survey in the city's newsletter produced a "heavy majority" sentiment against restoration.

"My feelings were confirmed by the survey," Jackson notes. "It's too late and too expensive to preserve it as it is, and I've never favored the idea of a replica."

Jackson agrees that the time to save the building was when the city first acquired it. "Somebody could have lived in it and taken care of it. It's a very sad thing, but the time has passed."

THE MAYOR SEES LITTLE historical value in the Parrish house, listing the Charles Baer home and De Oro club building as "maybe all we can afford to preserve in Cupertino. Historical preservation is really expensive."

But he points out that the city contributed \$50,000 to restoration of the Triunfo building on the De Anza college campus.

As for the council members' expected action Wednesday, Jackson notes, "I assume they're reading the same comments. They're reluctant to make expensive expenditures unless someone comes up with a tremendous idea, but I don't see anything on the horizon."

One idea which has been forwarded to the mayor by the Cupertino Historical Society would be to preserve only the front of the building and construct a community room behind it. The society has had about \$3,000 in a restoration fund for the Parrish house since 1972.

WHEN TOLD OF THIS IDEA by the Courier, Jackson said he would consider it, but Quinlan said, "My recommendation doesn't change."

Quinlan adds that the fire caused great confusion about the house's value. "The

building inspectors had all said to remove it before the fire. It hasn't changed the possibility of rehabilitation one iota. The roof had to be replaced anyway, and there was dry rot. The fire has just forced a decision."

Jackson, who has been on the council since 1972, recalls that while building inspectors had said the house was not worth saving, "The lack of many historical sites is the reason we held off so far. But the fire really did it in."

HELEN MURPHY, secretary of the historical society, acknowledges that the historical quality of the Parrish house may not be as high as others which have al-

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Davies, a fourth generation valley resident, adds that the family's interest in preserving the house has little to do with carrying on the family name. "It's not even my name," she quips.



DRY ROT, vandals and fire have plagued the Victorian-style Parrish house, one of few historical sites left in Cupertino. The council will decide its fate this Wednesday, Oct. 22. (Photography by Gordon Lew)

Parrish house vote tops delayed agenda

Since all of the Cupertino city council members are attending a League of California Cities convention in San Francisco Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of this week, the council meeting will be held Wednesday night, Oct. 22. The fate of the Parrish house tops the agenda of the meeting, which begins at 7:30 p.m.

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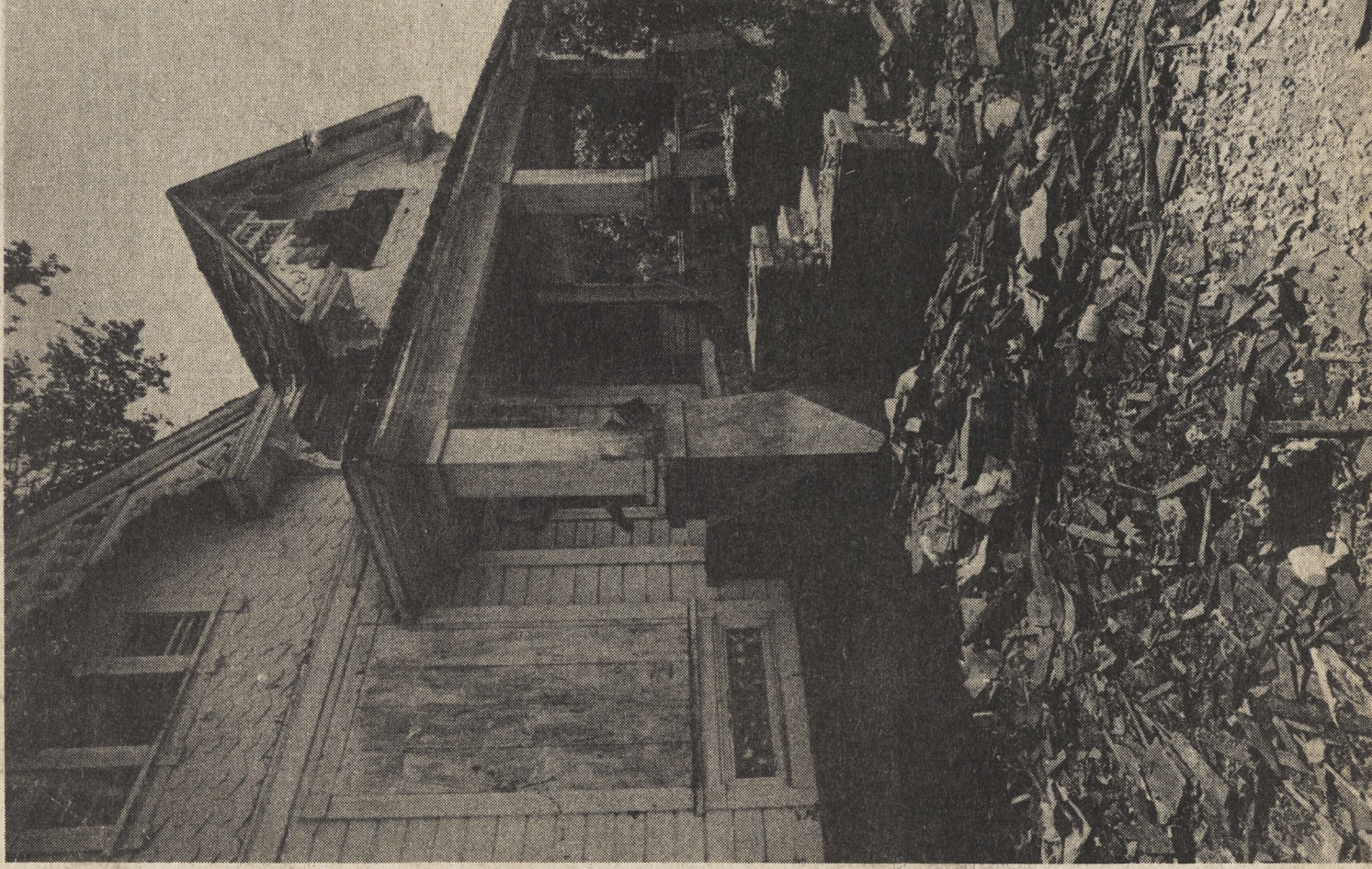
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Council 'wants to save' Parrish house, but no decisions made on how to do it

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"WE WANT TO preserve the Parrish house," Cupertino city council decided Monday night, eight years after historian Louis Stockmeir began his campaign to save the 70-year-old house, one of the few remaining here of its era.

But no one knows how that is going to be done.

Rejecting still another committee to study it, the council unanimously asked city staff to:

- Identify any remaining historical sites.
- Look into grants and other methods of financing.
- Find out whether it is possible to move the Parrish house, and how much it would cost.

- Determine whether it would be compatible with Memorial park which is now going into a second stage of development.

The studies follow a campaign by planning commissioner Dan O'Keefe to save the house by moving it and financing its renovation through a density transfer plan for a private developer.

BUT JIM JACKSON, a councilman who

was also on a study committee, said he recommended seeing the house restored on the site which belongs to the city.

Mayor Reed Sparks proposed another committee although he admitted the subject might "talk itself to death."

Kathy Nellis objected to "another committee".

She joined Don Frolich and Jackson in reservations about the density transfer proposal.

"We've already made density decisions in the general plan process," she said. "If it were the only way to save the house, I'd be for it, but it's a trade-off" . . . "for only a few dollars," Frolich finished for her.

Art Ogilvie of the county planning staff argued against moving the house.

The city couldn't get the house on the national registry, and hence wouldn't be eligible for federal grants, if any should become available, he told the council.

ROBERT MITTELSTADT, director of the Stanford school of architecture, said the Parrish house is "not terribly significant architecturally, but as a sample of times long past, it would be a representation of Cupertino's ar-

chitectural heritage and give the city historical roots."

Mardi Gualtieri, chairwoman of the historical heritage commission, urged the council to join the "new preservation scene" and pass historic site preservation laws as Los Altos Hills and Los Gatos have done.

"This is my umpteenth time before the council on this subject," said Stockmeir. "Any area that forgets its heritage soon has none," he concluded.

Where the estimated \$70,000 will come from to restore the house was a subject that got little discussion.

Frank Mulkern, Chamber of Commerce manager, suggested the sale of becentennial memorabilia. Frolich added

that Courier articles on local history be collected and published in book form as a fundraising effort.

ROBERT QUINLAN, city manager, urged speed, or the house "will be sawdust."

Vacant since 1964, it has been subjected to vandalism on its Stevens Creek boulevard site.

A building department report indicated the house is infested with termites and beatles and has "considerable dry rot."

No foundation was used in the building. It is set on plates which were set on the ground.

To bring it up to code would cost about \$68,000, it was estimated.

End for tired,
battered old home

City will raze Parrish house

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measure on whether the city should "earmark extra revenue" for placing a new roof on the house in anticipation that private funding would be forthcoming for its restoration. Cupertino Roundup, an information and referral agency for social services, and the Cupertino Chamber of Commerce, could move their offices there, he proposed.

"I feel there are only three historical sites left in Cupertino. They are the Charlie Baer property, the Trianon and the Parrish house," Sparks declared, noting that the Trianon, which was saved with city assistance, was rejected by voters for preservation in 1966 or 1967.

But Sparks' proposal was scorned by the other council members. They noted that private monies had not been forthcoming in the past to save the house, which preservationists claim typifies the housing Parrish built in the area. The only money collected was \$3,000 gathered by the Cupertino Historical Society. Councilwoman Kathy Nellis said she doubted whether a citizens committee could even be found to support a ballot measure.

Council members also pointed out that some 100 residents responding to a questionnaire in the city's newsletter objected 4-1 to restoration of the Parrish house.

"You have to realize this facility is not rebuildable," Councilman Meyers told Sparks. "It took me a long time to realize it." Other council members complained that the decision to save the Parrish house should have been made several years ago, while the structure could still have been rehabilitated. But even then there was "reluctance" in the community for the preservation effort, claimed Mayor Jim Jackson.

"The parks and recreation commission then did not want to save it on this site," he added. Other council members agreed with Jackson that a replica went against the grain of historical preservation.

The Parrish house was inherited by the city when it purchased the land for Memorial Park in 1966. About a year later, the city council voted 3-2 to save the house. Since that time, increasing cost estimates for restoration of the house have been submitted to the city. John Busto, head of

the city building department, has said through the years the house suffered from many structural problems, including dry rot.

In November, the council, through the prodding of Planning Commissioner Dan O'Keefe, decided it wanted to save the house but indicated it needed answers on whether the house should be kept in Memorial Park and from where the estimated \$70,000 for restoration would come.

The architectural firm for Memorial park, Royston, Hanamoto Beck and Abey, told the council that the house could be fitted into Memorial Park. But the firm said it preferred the house not be kept there.

A fire in late June, which penetrated the roof of the house, forced the council into making a decision. The city sought an opinion from Los Altos architect Peter Adamson on costs of measuring the house and drawing plans of it. He also submitted the opinion that it could not be restored. He offered to submit a proposal on how much a facsimile would cost.

However, the city sought such an opinion from architect Richard Zlatunich of San Jose.

Zlatunich also said he did not think the Parrish house could be restored. He suggested a replica be built, perhaps at McClellan Ranch park, or a plaque be placed at the site of the house.

Busto told the Courier last week that he was not aware of a bill signed into law this fall by Governor Brown allowing municipalities to ease their building codes to accommodate historical buildings. However, the Parrish house was so deteriorated the code wouldn't have helped, he said.

City Manager Bob Quinlan told the council he was not sure how much gingerbread could be retained from the house because of dry rot. Quinlan has never been a fan of the Parrish house. He has maintained there were so many "add ons" it was not authentic.

In a related motion the council approved a motion by Nellis to direct the planning commission to do an inventory of remaining historical sites and buildings in the city's sphere of influence, rate them and recommend how to save them.

Parrish house demolition scheduled for next week

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DEMOLITION of the Parrish house in Memorial park has tentatively been scheduled for early next week.

The city council last week awarded a contract to Jack M. Farnham for \$1,400. Gingerbread to adorn a planned gazebo in the park already had been removed. The Cupertino Historical society, Trianon

foundation and De Anza college's California History center also were allowed to tour the house's interior to determine whether any more of it should be saved. They selected a few pieces.

According to Public Works Director Bert Viskovich, demolition will occur on Monday.

Colorful citizen

Cupertino pioneer Charles Baer dies

FUNERAL SERVICES for Charles Baer, 81, a colorful Cupertino pioneer, were held Monday at the Saratoga-Cupertino funeral home.

Baer, who had lived in Cupertino since his birth in 1894, was found dead in his home at Stevens Creek boulevard and Saratoga - Sunnyvale road Thursday morning. Cause of death apparently was a heart attack.

Baer was known for the replica he built of his father's blacksmith shop and also for the antiques that had been collected by his late wife, Ethyle. According to friends, Baer had been deeply saddened by the death two months ago of his wife of 54 years.

Baer had always lived at the same intersection. He joined the 823rd Aero-squadron as a Sopwith Camel test pilot in Yates, England, during World War I. He then returned to Cupertino to purchase the blacksmith shop, begun by his father Billy, in 1887. The shop at one time stood where Stevens Creek boulevard now runs, but later was moved to the rear of the 10 room house, designed by grocer Archie Wilson and built by the elder Baer in 1903.

BUT, CHARLES said he "saw too many model-T's floating around." So in 1922 he

opened a garage, which he operated until 1953.

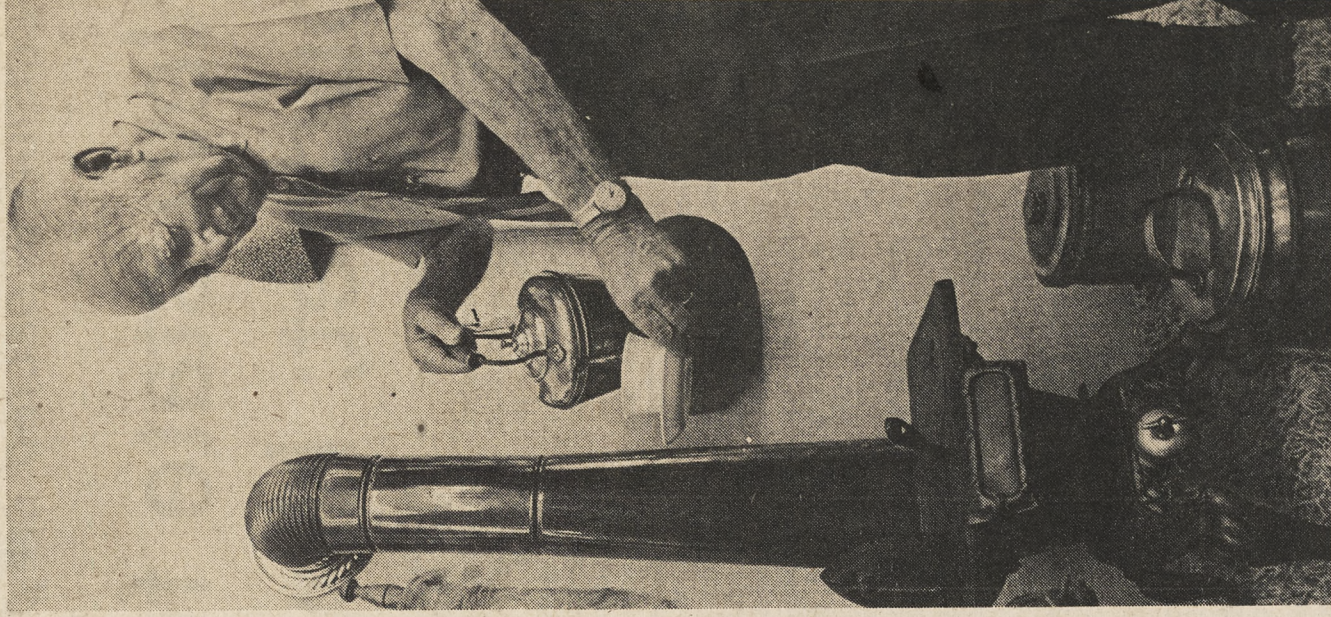
The Shell station at the intersection stands on land owned by Baer.

Baer was often seen pedaling his bicycle to the Crossroads shopping center near his home.

Often at odds with city hall decisions, he once flew his flag upside down to object to one decision handed down by city fathers.

THE QUESTION now arises of what happens to his home and the antiques, many of which were carried westward by American settlers. One of his sisters, Lyla Hachen of Saratoga said the family would not know their status until it went over Baer's will with his attorney. His attorney, C.C. Cottrell, was out of his office and could be reached for comment.

He was a member of the Cupertino Union Church, Cupertino Historical Society, Cupertino F & AM 510, Past Grand of IOOF No. 70 of Cupertino, VFW, and Philotesian Rebekah Lodge No. 145. He also worked with the Salvation Army. He was buried at Madrona cemetery. His other survivor is a sister, Mrs. Beulah Cox, also of Saratoga.



Charles Baer was served tea to visitors from his antique kitchen copperware. The colorful Cupertino pioneer died this week at 81, apparently from a heart attack. Baer lived in Cupertino from his birth in 1894. He was a Sopwith Camel test pilot in England during World War I.



Montebello's 84th year

One-room Montebello school district opened its 84th year in September with a new one-room school house and a 200 per cent increase in teaching staff. The 37 elementary school students now share three teachers — Emily de la Cruz, Tom Shaefer and Jerry Jones — at the new building 50 yards away from the 1892 structure. Montebello is having an open house for ridge residents this Sunday, Oct. 26, from 3-5 p.m.

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THE FREMONT High School District is being represented by three students at the National Speech Contest June 12-18 at the Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs. Paul Nagle, Cupertino high, will compete in the boys extemporaneous contest. Mary Ann Damon, Fremont high, is in the student congress, and Louisa Ho, also of Fremont, will compete in girls extemporaneous. Speech coaches Carmendale Fernandes of Fremont, and Mary Lee Schoendorf of Cupertino are accompanying the students.

Volunteers, advisory councils are honored

CITIZEN VOLUNTEERS in schools and advisory council chairpersons were honored recently by the Fremont Union High School District at a year-end community recognition dinner at Fremont high school.

Volunteers in Public Schools (VIPS) have contributed a variety of services from repairing football uniforms to assisting teachers. School advisory councils have made recommendations to their respective principals on subjects including campus smoking areas and optional physical education for juniors and seniors.

John Houlihan, president of the district board of trustees, and Superintendent Jack Roper presented plaques to district committee chairpersons, school advisory council chairpersons and school volunteer coordinators of VIPS, and certificates to district council members.

District chairpersons honored were: Bob Hawn, advisory council; Gene Corbett, special education advisory committee; and Ann Kelly, Indian education committee.

School advisory council chairpersons

are Cupertino, Goldia Barclay; Fremont, Jean Shimoguchi; Homestead, Jon Reiss; Lynbrook, Gladys Bernyk; Monta Vista, Joan Maleski; and Sunnyvale, George Maus.

SCHOOL VIPS coordinators are: Cupertino, June Alford; Fremont, Jackie Harrison, Homestead, Mary Adamson; Lynbrook, Debbie Zurcher; Monta Vista, Ginger Davis; and Sunnyvale, Lynn Mohun.

Members of the district advisory council, who received certificates, are: Cupertino, Peggy Maine, Mrs. Carl Baer and Jane Martin; Fremont, Olive De Francisci, Jean Shimoguchi and Jane Martin; Homestead, Bobbie Brunzell, Shirley Dal Porto, John Davis, Bob Hawn; Lynbrook, Carolyn Mauch, Rick Ferrell, Jane Perkinson; Monta Vista, Deborah Eads, Norma Etter; Sunnyvale, Phil Reynolds, Vione Twing, John Markus; Sunnyvale principal Ed Bangle, Fremont vice-principal Dave Pitman, Homestead counselor Martha Durham, Monta Vista Teacher, Marie Amendola and classified representative Becky Bradley, Monta Vista.

Lagging behind other cities

Lack of support delays senior discount program

A **SENIOR CITIZENS** discount program coordinated by the City Department of Parks and Recreation is receiving little support and has been unable to get off the ground.

After nearly 1½ years of operation only 11 Cupertino merchants are listed as offering discounts to senior citizens.

"So many other cities have done it," said Pat Philip, senior coordinator for Cupertino, "we certainly don't want to fall behind our progressive neighbors."

Philip spoke to the Chamber of Commerce in January, 1975, in hopes of promoting the program. Thus far, however, only five restaurants, three drugstores and three beauty salons have offered seniors discounts. In addition, most banks give them free checking accounts.

There may be other Cupertino merchants offering senior discounts but they are not listed with the department.

Following Philip's address, the Chamber listed the discount program in its newsletter but Chamber Manager Frank Mulkern agreed little enthusiasm has been shown.

"It takes a lot of volunteers," he said, and the discount program has not received that kind of help. In addition he complained that the city has cut back financial support to the chamber and it can't afford to spend staff time on community projects.

Philip has scheduled a meeting with De Anza College officials in hopes of soliciting help from students there.

"I really think each merchant needs to be called on an individual basis," she said, but added she doesn't have the time to do it.

OTHER COMMUNITIES have developed successful senior discount pro-

grams. Sunnyvale, Mountain View and Palo Alto all list between 150 and 250 merchants giving senior discounts, according to their program coordinators.

A Mountain View program started in January, for example, has already listed the support of some 250 local merchants who are offering up to 25 per cent off on purchases.

Beth Ferguson, recreation assistant for the parks and recreation department there, estimates some 35 per cent of the city's merchants are participating in the program.

Ferguson credits much of its success to senior citizens who volunteered to go out and talk to merchants they thought might be willing to give discounts. Other cities followed similar formats.

The Palo Alto program received a federal grant to underwrite its initial costs. The program, directed by Diana Steeples, coordinator of senior adult services for the city, has been in operation since September.

The Sunnyvale program directed by Darlene Pinkston was funded initially by the Downtown Businessmen's Association and the Chamber of Commerce.

"Generally most people are happy with the program," she said. Occasionally there are problems, she added, but most can be worked out with a phone call.

In Sunnyvale Pinkston started canvassing the merchants with one other person and was soon joined by senior volunteers. The Palo Alto program succeeded with the help of the JayCees and volunteer senior citizens.

Philip says she has not called all the merchants in Cupertino to assess the feasibility of a senior discount program here.

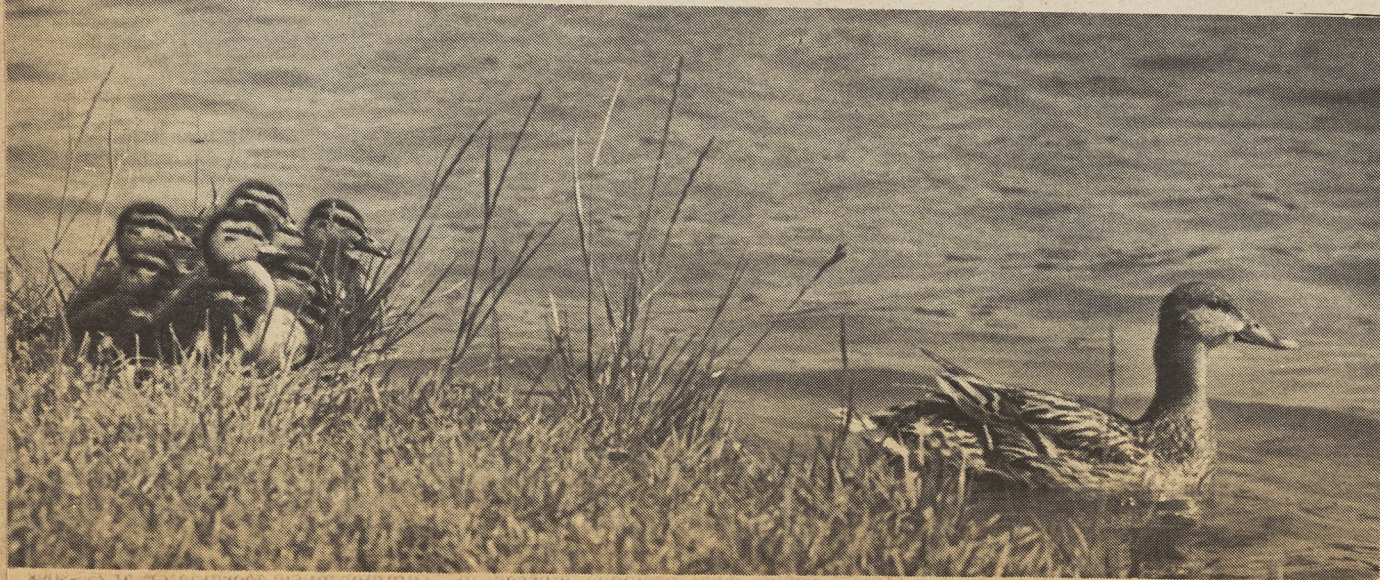
cupertino welcomes

New residents at 21432 Elm court are **GARY AND LORI HOLMES**, former residents of Ohio. The couple has two children, Kelly, 9, and Jayme, 11. Gary works in sales for Champion Spark Plug.

MR. AND MRS. LEE SEELY, who previously lived in Mountain View, have moved to 747 Stendhal lane in West San Jose. Lee is a physicist for Fairchild Corp. and Dione is a practical nurse with the Central Coast Nursing Registry.

MICHAEL JASPER is a newcomer to 20618 Shelly drive. A snow and water skiing enthusiast, he owns a machine shop. Michael formerly lived in Mountain View.

JENNY CRABTREE, an integrated circuit designer for Hewlett Packard, has relocated from Mountain View to 10406 S. Foothill boulevard. Her hobbies are jogging, biking, bowling and playing tennis.



FOR MORE than a month, a duck has been raising her brood of 11 ducklings at a pond in Memorial park. According to the city Parks and Recreation department, the duck happened by and decided to settle in the water. Previously, another duck had made his home there, but left.

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Feed for the country produced amidst the city

A symbol of the past surviving future shock

LOOMING OVER Stevens Creek boulevard is a symbol of Santa Clara Valley's agricultural past.

Cali Bros. feed mill stands at the crossroads of a technology-rich business suburb, supplying feed and grain products to a far-reaching agricultural empire.

The Cali brothers take grain from the country, bring it to the city, process it and return it to rural stockmen who feed it to the animals that feed the people in the city.

But then that's the way it has always been. For

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years the Cali trucks have rolled into the plant with loads of grain and out again with feed for the San Joaquin Valley, Tracy, Livermore, Manteca, Modesto and other areas throughout northern and central California.

In the old days, founder Rosario Cali used to loop tires over signposts to show his drivers where to take feed sales. Now the delivery system is much more modern but the feed mill remains essentially the same.

"It isn't a modern feed mill," said Ron Cali, son of Rosario and one of the owners. In 1944, the mill was seriously damaged by one of Cupertino's biggest fires.

Reconstruction was completed in 1946, but in 1949 the industry shifted from sack to bulk feed sales necessitating more changes in equipment. Today it is a hodgepodge reflecting the best of several eras.

Rosario Cali came to Cupertino from Sicily via New York in 1918. In 1923, he and his brothers formed a trucking business and hauled fruit and grain for area growers throughout the 1920's and 1930's.

In 1936 they started construction of the feed mill, earning a reputation for quality and reliability while building the enterprise into the area's first million dollar business, according to an area history called Cupertino Chronicle.

The city's general plan calls for a mixture of commercial and residential development at the location. The Cali brothers say they have no plans to move.

Story by John C. Hayes
Photography by
Peter Tobia



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ARIES: (March 21 to April 19)—Also Aries Ascendant)—Your good taste is accentuated so buying clothes is favored. Though holiday pleasures with family are great, be sure to get out and mingle too. Don't take love for granted now because you feel it isn't exciting enough.

TAURUS: (April 20 to May 20)—Also Taurus Ascendant)—A new environment you are in brings tremendous love and joy. Extend a helping hand in holiday festivities and chores. Curb feelings of slight if your gift-getting isn't all you had hoped. A trip proves exciting.

GEMINI: (May 21 to June 20)—Also Gemini Ascendant)—Be forgiving if another deceives you. Cling to your own respect for truth. Avoid feeling overworked during the holidays. If you are cheerful others will offer to help. Joy with children abounds and honors may come to you.

CANCER: (June 21 to July 22)—Also Cancer Ascendant)—Avoid excess in eating and drinking. Trust your intuition now. Go out of your way to bring joy to the lonely or

SCORPIO: (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21)—Also Scorpio

SAGITTARIUS: (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21)—Also Sagittarius Ascendant)—Be sure to send holiday cards to everyone you care about. A romance could come to the final end, but a new one is on the horizon. Use caution, however, since there can be unknown things about this person.

CAPRICORN: (Dec. 22 to Jan. 19)—Also Capricorn Ascendant)—Don't lose your temper with associates. Project the quiet control that others value you for. An old job is ended and exciting new prospects elate you. Rest, relax and enjoy the holiday season.

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Susan Mitchell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Mitchell, 11808 Warner Ave., Sunnyvale, was recently initiated into the Delta Chi chapter of the Delta Zeta Sorority at California State University at Chico. Miss Mitchell is a junior and is majoring in liberal studies with an emphasis in deaf education.

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A new life for the Picchetti ranch land



The Midpeninsula Regional Park District staff has recommended continued production of the fruit orchards on the Picchetti ranch, which it has purchased, and possible re-introduction of the vineyards.

The newer or main house on the Picchetti ranch was constructed in 1886. The park district wants to save the house as well as a small barn and winery for a "public educational resource" to be maintained in conjunction with such groups as the Future Farmers of America, 4-H, or a city. The original ranch house was built in the 1870's. For the history behind the ranch, turn the page.

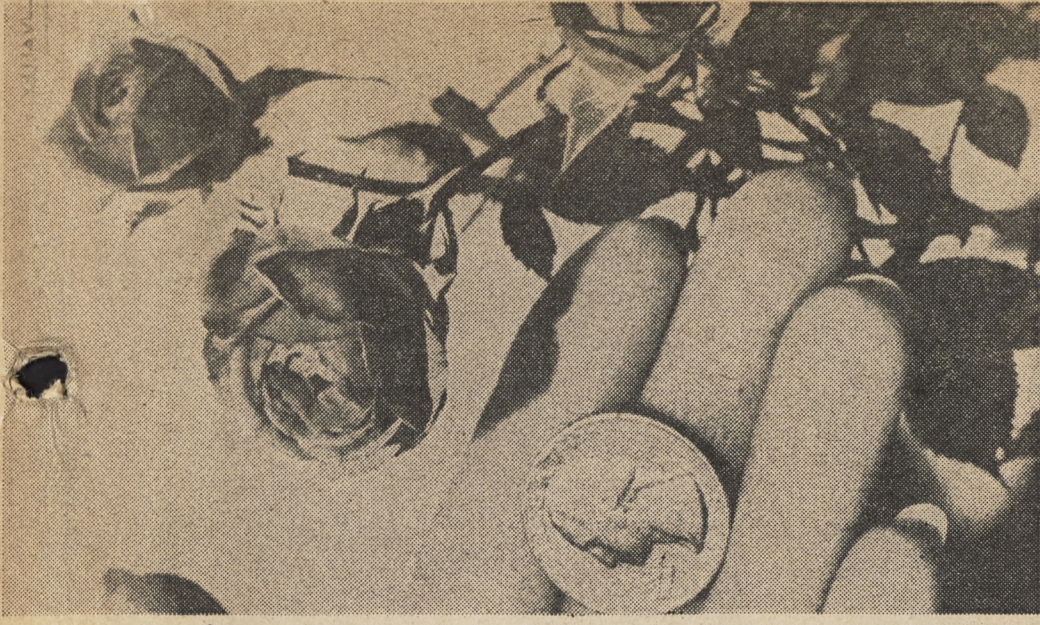




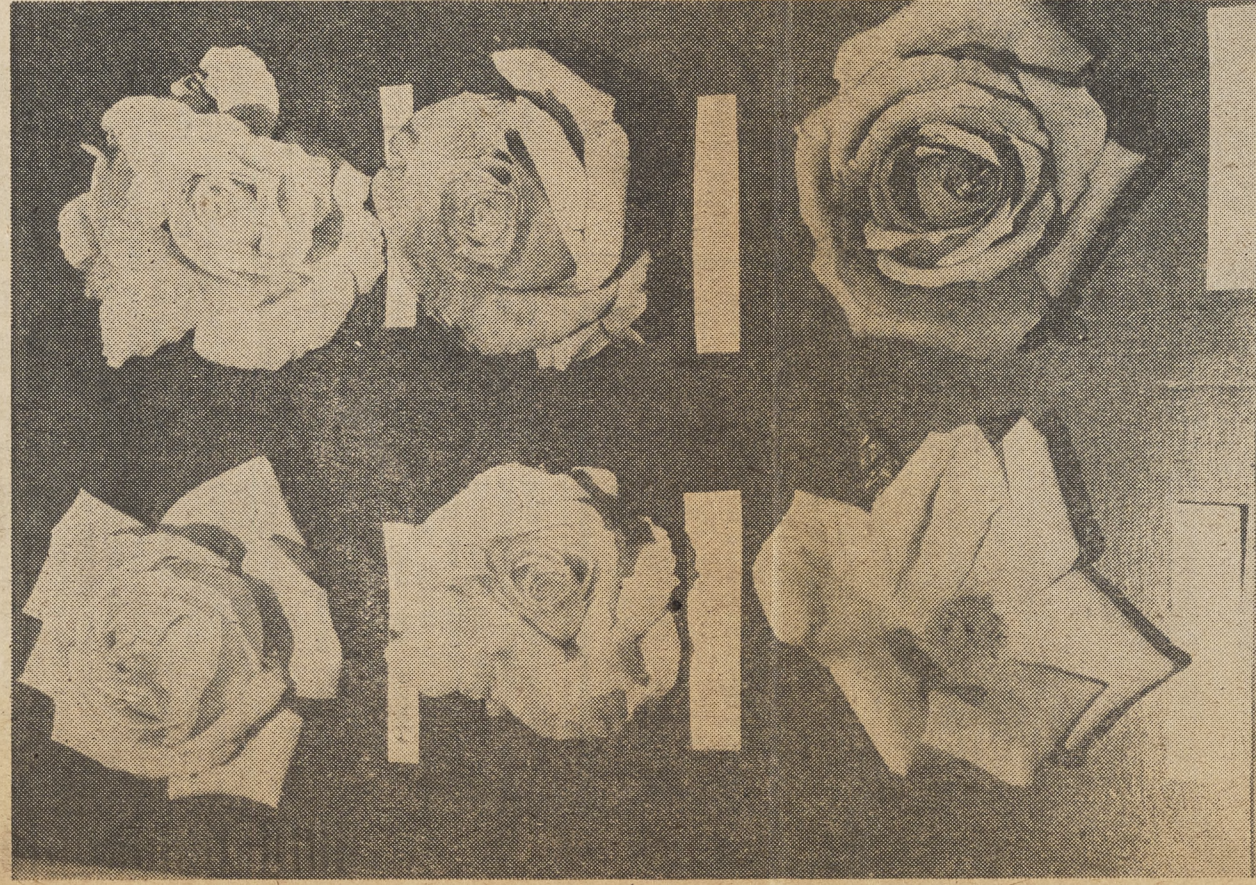
Pretty as a picture is this bouquet of deep and light pink roses arranged in an antique frame by Jane Kilkenny, show organizer. The flowers are from the garden of Barbara Worl of Menlo Park.



Hand-painted rose pendant is owned by Gertrude Rhea of San Jose.



These Persian Princess roses, each about the diameter of a 25 cent piece, are miniature roses hybridized in 1970 by Ralph Moore of Visalia.



Six varieties of roses are displayed in an "English Box" setting. Rose names are: top row, Peace, left, and White Masterpiece; center row, Saratoga left, and First Prize; and bottom row, Cecil left, and Annabel.

At Cupertino library

Everything's coming up roses

Everything's coming up roses in Cupertino, where roses are blooming on everything from greeting cards to needlework. At an exhibit at the Cupertino Public Library, fresh, live roses, along with rose memorabilia and art, will be displayed throughout December.

The exhibit, entitled "Roses — Heritage of Beauty," is sponsored by members of the Santa Clara County Rose Society and the Heritage Rose Group.

It is free and open to the public during

regular library hours. They are Mondays through Thursdays from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m., Fridays and Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Sundays from noon to 4 p.m. The library is located next to the Cupertino City Hall at 10400 Torre Ave.

Pruning manuals, information sheets on pruning demonstrations in the area and source lists of new, old and rare roses will be available, at no charge, according to Jane Kilkenny, exhibit organizer.

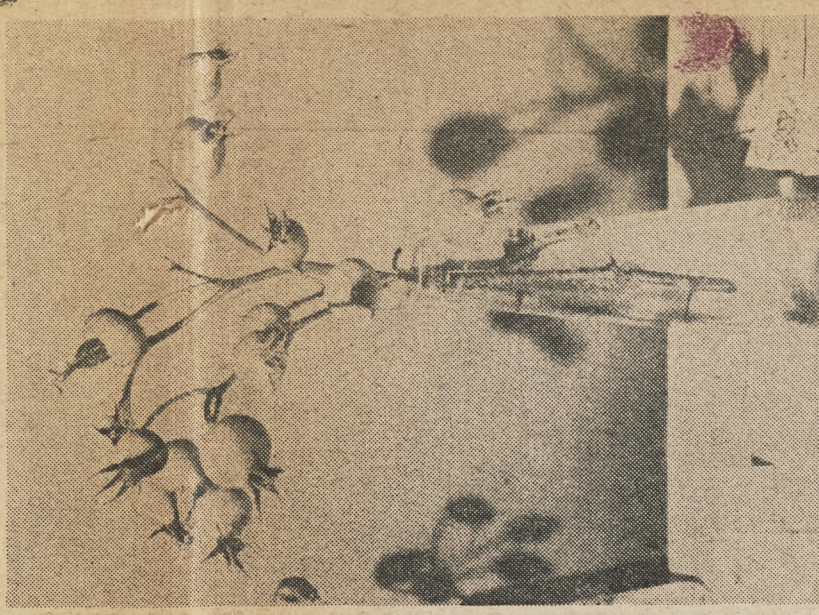
As a salute to the bicentennial celebra-

tion, the display includes old-fashioned roses, including ancient species roses and varieties grown by the Victorians, Mrs. Kilkenny said. Many valley rosarians still grow these species of roses that originated so long ago, she explained.

Also on display are a wide variety of rose designs on antique and contemporary porcelain, silver, books, prints, photographs and original paintings in oil, watercolor and pastels. Many of the artists are members of Bay Area rose societies.



German-English China, owned by Virginia Masero of Los Altos, is decorated with a rose motif.



Rose hips, such as these from a Germanium rose, are the seed pods created after the rose is pollinized. They have a high vitamin C content and were used by the British during World War II as a source of vitamin C, according to Mrs. Kilkenny.

Valley Journal photos by Ken Yimm



A poem and print of the Moss Rose, first discovered in southern France in 1696, is pasted in a hundred-year-old scrapbook.



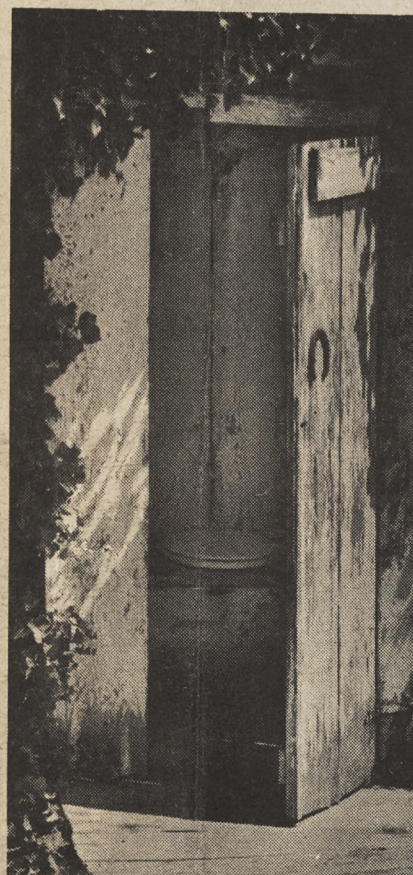
Roses are a perennial favorite of greeting card designers. These examples from the early 1900s are from the collection of Virginia Masero.



"Oriental Charm" is the title of this rose portrait by Virginia Kilkenny. It is owned by Mr. and Mrs. William Humer of Cupertino.



Photographer Peter Tobia came across several odds and ends while wandering about the ranch.



Although the Montebello winery on the Picchetti ranch was closed in 1971, the winery still stands. The Picchettis were affected by mechanization, stiffer government regulations and rising costs.

MRS. JOSEPHINE Picchetti and her son, Aldo, will be moving from the 200-acre Picchetti ranch after the Midpeninsula Regional Park District takes it over.

District directors last week voted to exercise a \$500,000 option to purchase the ranch, established in the 1870's by viticulturist Vincenzo Picchetti. The Picchetti family had always said it would like the ranch to become parkland. Josephine and Aldo say they are not certain of where they will move, but they do intend to stay in the area. The Picchetti family owns other land in the Cupertino area. Josephine is the widow of John Picchetti, one of four sons of Vincenzo.

According to the Cupertino Chronicle, published by De Anza College's California History Center, Vincenzo arrived in Santa Clara Valley in 1872 at age 24. He worked as a dairyman before

becoming a viticulturist for the Villa Maria winery, run by the Jesuits. Vincenzo was joined by his brother, Secondo, from Italy, and together they purchased 160 acres on Montebello ridge for \$1,500.

Vincenzo continued as foreman at Villa Maria, and his brother and sister-in-law moved up to the ridge, which they worked. Vincenzo returned to Italy in 1882 to take a bride, Theresa. In 1884, Secondo sold his interest in the Montebello land to Vincenzo because his wife had been frightened by a bear and the couple wanted to move to the valley floor.

In 1896, an \$8,000 loan was obtained from the Union Bank of San Jose to help construct a winery. Previously, the Zinfandel, Garignane, Petite Sirah, Columbard and Golden Shasta grapes were sold in bulk to local wineries. The Picchettis, who let their wine age for three years, bottled it under the Montebello label.

Vincenzo died at 1904 at the age of 56. Two of his four sons, Antone and John, took over management of the winery and expanded the vineyards to about 500 acres. Hurt by Prohibition, then mechanization, stiffer government regulations and increasing competition from corporate wineries, the Picchettis closed the Montebello winery in 1971.

The Picchettis also were active in establishing the Montebello school and until just a few years ago served on its board. Josephine was a trustee for 45 years.

The park district says the ranch should be opened for day use to hikers and equestrians without a permit within six months.



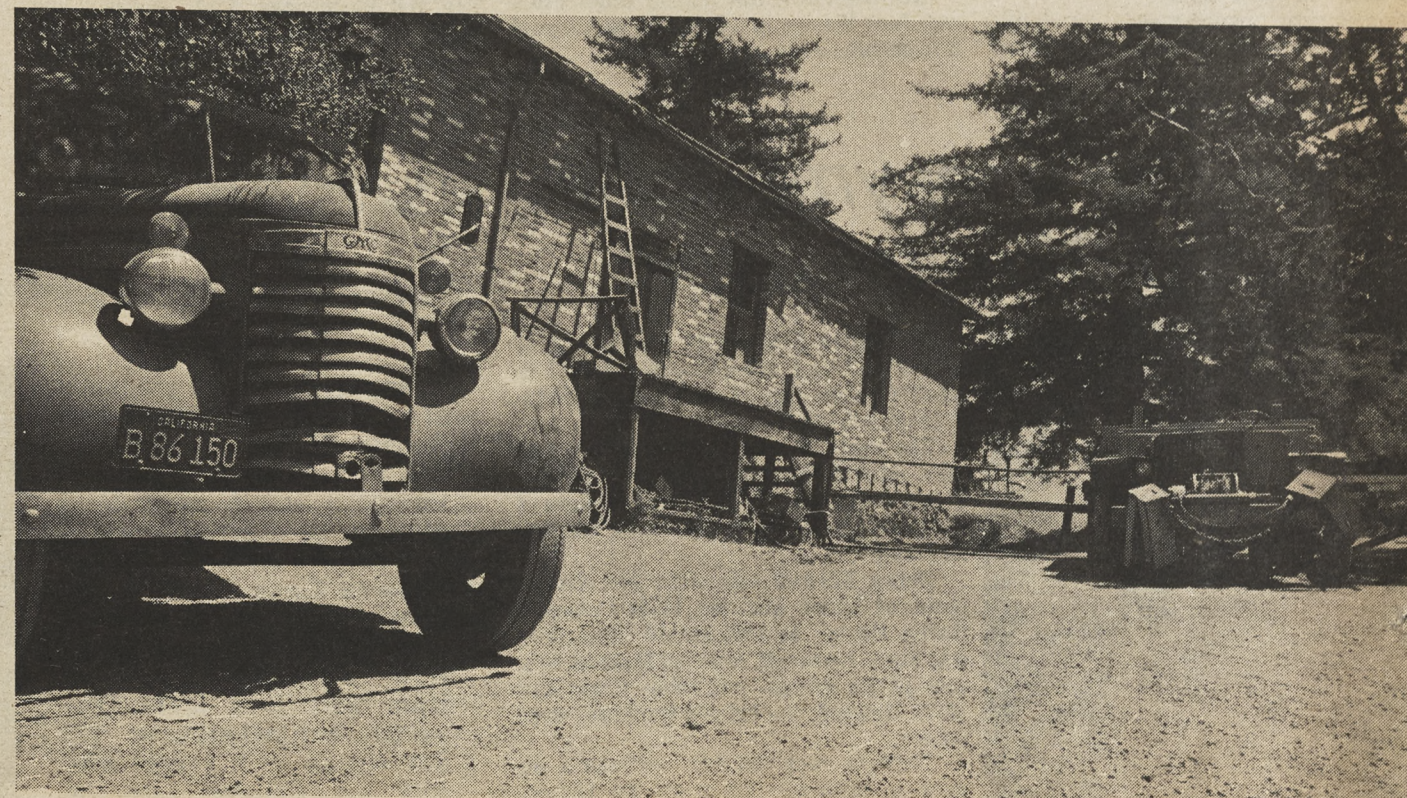
The park district staff recommended that this horse boarding operation be halted until further study. However, cattle grazing may be continued to reduce fire hazard. Currently, there are 18 head of cattle.



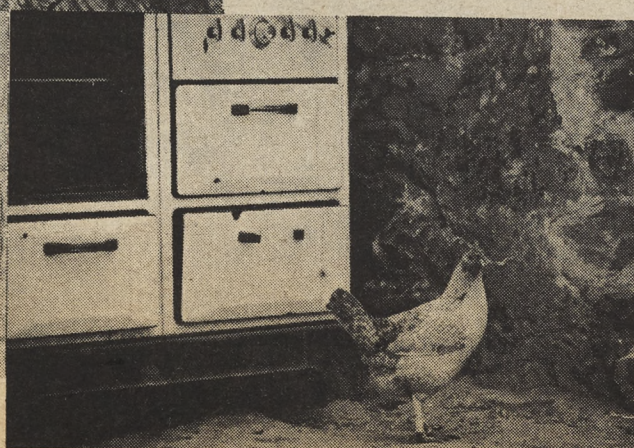
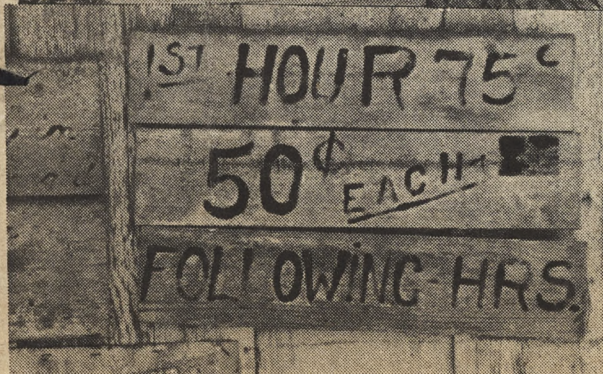
One of the features of the ranch is this large trellis. Three barns, a blacksmith shop, riding ring and 60-80 acres of fruit orchards are among other features of interest.

Story by Sue Beving

Photography by Peter Tobia



An old truck and other equipment stands by the winery.



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Ridge ranch becomes park

The scenic 200-acre Picchetti ranch on Montebello ridge has been approved for purchase by the Midpeninsula Regional Park District board of directors. Last week, the directors decided to exercise a \$500,000 option to purchase the ranch, established in the 1870's. The main house, in which Josephine Picchetti, and her son, Aldo, reside was constructed in the 1880's. For more information and photographs see pages 9-12.

Photography by
Peter Tobia

Option on ranch

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Park board to view Picchetti purchase

A STAFF recommendation to exercise an option to purchase the 200-acre Picchetti Ranch will be considered by Mid-peninsula Regional Park District directors this Wednesday night, July 14, at 7:30 p.m. at district offices, 745 Distel drive, Los Altos.

An option, costing \$500,000, was acquired by the district on June 28. The land is bordered on the north and west by Montebello road and to the east by Stevens Creek county Park.

The ranch was founded in 1870 by Italian winemaker Vincenzo Picchetti. An unused brick winery still stands on the ranch. Other features of the ranch include the original ranch house built in the 1870's, another house constructed in 1886, three barns, a blacksmith shop, riding ring, 60-80 acres of fruit orchards, 18 head of cattle and a stable.

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS call for preservation of the newer house, small barn and winery for a "public educational resource" to be maintained in conjunction with such groups as the Future Farmers of

America, 4-H or a city. The staff said the continued productivity of the orchards and re-introduction of the vineyards should be evaluated. Plans call for hiking, picnicking and horseback riding as well as environmental education and cooperative day camp programs on the site with area cities.

Within six months, the property should be opened for day use to hikers and equestrians, the staff said. Permits would not be required. Access to the preserve would be from the Stevens Creek park parking lot via a trail crossing Stevens Canyon road. The Montebello Road access road would be closed until further studies are completed.

After the Picchetti family leaves, which is expected to be soon after the sale, a caretaker would be found for the land. The horse boarding operation would be discontinued until further study. The possibility of continuing the cattle grazing would be explored to reduce fire hazard. Buildings would be off limits until their use could be studied.



JOSEPH AND ROSE Camarda, claimed by the bicentennial commission to be Cupertino's oldest living couple, are cutting cots in the drying yard operated by their sons, Joseph and Peter, on land owned by the Cali family on Stevens Creek boulevard. Joseph, 89, and Rose, 80, cut

the cots in half, seed them and spread them on trays. The apricots are then bathed in sulfur and dried in the sun. The Camardas sell the fruit to Mariani co.

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Photo by Peter Tobia



Pastoral beauty embroiled in controversy

PLAIN-SPOKEN Joe Boyd, who boards horses and operates a private stable on the Painless Parker ranch in the hills off Prospect road near Stelling, likes to point out deer and quail as he transports visitors down the ranch's dirt roads and trails in his luxury car.

Boyd has rented the 200-some acres for his Three Bar Ranch for the past seven years from Valle Vista Ranch co., a partnership of 21 persons that has owned the ranch for the past 22-23 years. Title to the land is held by Parker Ranch co., an agent for the owners.

Eighty-five horses are kept on the property. Boyd, his son, Glen, 15, a student at Monta Vista high school, and horseman for the ranch, Red Peterson, share a bunkhouse. Boyd expresses awe and affection for the run-down mansion on the ranch. He also notes that a small yellow house and corral were once an aviary for tropical birds.

The ranch derives its name from a former owner, a flamboyant dentist who at 80 years of age actively headed a chain of 28 dentist offices on the West Coast and owned office buildings, ranches and dental supply plants, according to a 1952 issue of *Colliers*. Painless Parker got his nickname because he was one of the first dentists to use dental anesthetics on a mass scale.

PAINLESS PARKER was constantly running amuck of the American Dental Association for advertising. According to the *Colliers* story, he wasn't above pulling teeth on a streetcorner to draw attention to tooth care. He had filled the teeth of circus tigers and walruses and had implanted a

diamond in the teeth of heavyweight champion Bob Fitzsimmons. His license was both revoked and recovered.

The current owners have sold off some of the land. The property where the Saratoga country club stands was once part of the ranch. A managing partner in the partnership is Palo Alto attorney Perry Moerdyke.

As Boyd discusses the ranch, he points out the erosion that has occurred along Calabazas Creek on the property and the barriers that he has constructed to keep out bothersome motorcyclists.

The pastoral beauty of the ranch belies the controversy that now surrounds its future. The housing tracts abutting the hill-sides should provide a clue to the cause for the controversy.

ON JUNE 8, residents of Saratoga will be faced with three local ballot measures. One will be an opportunity to reaffirm or deny planned community zoning for Blackwell Homes for the Painless Parker ranch, which planners say would allow 100 homes on 68 acres of the 218-acre ranch depending on the outcome of geologic and other hazard studies.

The average residential lot would be about one-third acre. The remainder of the acreage would be devoted to open space with the development rights dedicated to the city. According to planners, homes would be clustered in groups of 4-5.

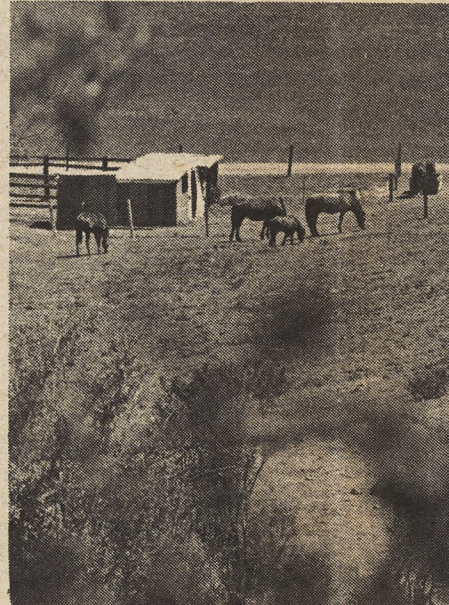
One of the knotty questions is whether the base zoning for the property which would resume if the PC zoning is denied, would be more restrictive than the one recently approved by the City Council. The city contends that more units would ac-

tually be allowed. The Save Our Dollars-Save Our Hills task force maintains the base zoning would be more restrictive. Leaders who circulated petitions to gain the ballot measure complain that in the PC zoning the lots are too small ("some are less than one-quarter acre"), too tightly packed, that some are in scenic areas, that guarantees to prevent further spreading are inadequate, that homes are planned for hazardous areas and that homeowners would have to maintain the open space.

Bill Heiss, engineer for Blackwell Homes which has a contract of sale with the owners, says that the city requested the developer to file the PC zoning. More open space would be allowed under such a zoning, he said. Blackwell, which has been working on the project for three years, has so much money invested in it the firm would also proceed with the base zoning, he says. The stable operation would be eliminated, he added.

The same group supporting denial of the zoning hopes to gain time for the Parker ranch because it is in court trying to get the city to place on the ballot a measure which would change the general plan for the hillsides with a specific formula. The city attorney had ruled it was an inappropriate matter for the ballot.

The two other Saratoga ballot measures would involve \$4 million in taxes and bonds to preserve 300-400 acres in the hills. At first the measure stipulated that the Parker ranch would be acquired then it was changed to a more general statement. Russ Crowther, of Save Our Dollars-Save Our Hills, said his group is evaluating the measures.



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JOE BOYD, who operates the Three Bar Ranch on the what is known as the Painless Parker land, says he must keep neutral in the controversy surrounding the future of the ranch. "I've rented from a guy who has treated me okay. I know his problems. But, I don't like developers. I don't like so-called progress," he declares. To the right, Linda Zumbrummen, 16, of Saratoga, rides her mustang, Windy, on the ranch.



Photography by Gordon Lew



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For 40 years, service has been his business

By SUE BEVING

PAUL QUINTERNO can remember when Model Ts and Hupmobiles pulled up to the gas pumps at his Shell station in Monta Vista and he charged only 17-18 cents a gallon for regular.

Quinterno, 61, has operated his service station on Stevens Creek boulevard for 40 years. He nostalgically recalls the old days. "There are too many rules and regulations now. They're on your back all the time," he said as he took out an allocation letter from Shell.

Quinterno's Shell is an institution in the small, unincorporated community. Residents relate how they drop by the station to gossip, receive Ann Landers type advice from Quinterno or obtain recipes from the widower, whom they consider a gourmet cook.

During the gas shortage, he advised friends to line up their cars at night at the station so they could get gas the next day.

"I tried to help them out. Some of them worked during the day, and we were only open for a couple of hours," he said.

Quinterno proudly notes that he has served four generations of the Voss family, beginning with Tony Voss's father, Henry.

The Monta Vista native has the distinction of being the second-longest-term Shell dealer in the oil company's seven-county San Jose district. He took over the station from the Rifredi family, which had operated it in connection with their market. Charles Rifredi is married to his sister, Adriana.

"They asked me if I wanted to take it over. Business was very light. All there was here was farming," he recalled. "(The late) Charlie Baer and I had the only stations then." The competition sprouted after World War II. At one time, Monta Vista had six service stations. Now he counts four.

HE BECAME a Shell dealer because the station was a Shell dealership when he

took it over "There was a few times I was almost going to make a change, but I didn't," he said.

Quinterno is among the small 15 per cent of Shell dealers in the San Jose district who own their own businesses. According to the district office, he is expected to pump about 30,000 gallons of gas per month this year, which spokesmen consider about average for oil-company affiliated stations, but somewhat low compared with Shell leased dealerships. Allocations for dealers were established by the federal administration office based on 1972 levels, they said.

Quinterno says he hopes to retire soon. "I get pretty tired," he noted. "I've been at it a long time. I work 11 hour days from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m." He employs one full-time and two part-time assistants.

He would not advise anyone to go into the service station business. "It's better to go into something else," he said. "In a factory, you get benefits, work 6-8 hours and

Monta Vistans drop by the station to gossip, get advice and exchange recipes with the gourmet cook-service station owner.

Paul Quinterno has been in the service station business for 40 years. When customers stop by his white Shell station, he usually takes time to chat with them.

Paul Quinterno remembers when Model T owners paid 17 cents a gallon for gas at his Monta Vista Shell station

then you're off."

He has been able to survive because his overhead was small and he could always "eliminate a man or two. But the costs have gone up — the insurance, labor and property tax has gone from nothing to quite a bit," he explained.

Quinterno says he doesn't pay much attention to gasoline prices charged by other service stations in the area. But, sometimes he is confused by the business. "There was supposed to have been a gas shortage but those cut-rate stations got all the gas they wanted. For a while, they were selling it for what we were buying it for. Something was wrong somewhere," he mused.

Many of Quinterno's customers work at Kaiser-Permanente. Others come from all over the area, he says.

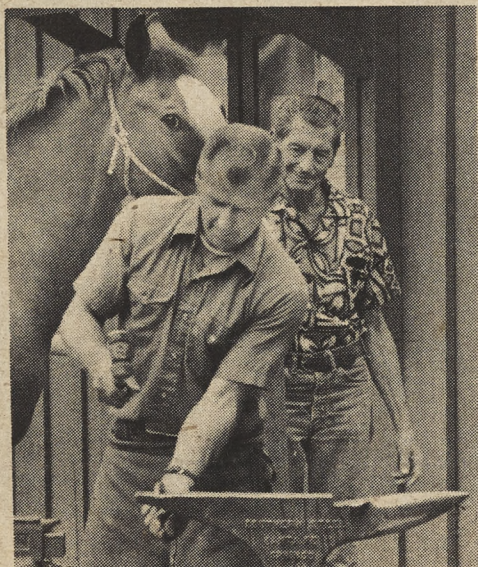
Quinterno has seen businesses come and go in Monta Vista, and its population increase. "I'd like to have seen it stay a little more dormant," he said.

McClellan Ranch Day

What farming was all about



Some 200-300 persons attended McClellan Ranch Day on July 31 to commemorate early farm life in Cupertino. They engaged in early American games, such as hog calling, and participated in a critter race, perused exhibits and demonstrations. To the left, Laura Rohde undertakes an unsuccessful attempt to capture an apple in an apple-bobbing contest. Below, a tug of war is fought.



Horseshoer Marv Kulp demonstrates his craft as Les Dent watches.



Photography by
Kirk McClelland

Oldest city structure

Demolition on tap for the barn in Memorial Park

A BARN IN Memorial Park, deemed the oldest structure in the city by City Historian Louis Stocklmeir, will be demolished.

That was the decision of the City Council last week, made in a 4-0 vote. Abstaining was City Councilman Jim Jackson, who said he was acting as a matter of principle because a motion to destroy the barn and not preserve its lumber for reconstruction already had gained enough support for passage. The other backer of preservation, Councilman Dan O'Keefe, was not present because he was attending a Cupertino Union School Board meeting. O'Keefe also serves as a school district trustee.

According to a staff report, relocating the barn to McClellan Ranch park and renovating it would have cost \$12,000; shoring it up at its present site, \$3,700; dismantling the barn and preserving the lumber for future use, \$1,750 and allowing a contractor to dismantle and remove it, \$136.

Stocklmeir had reported that the barn, built in 1873, had served as apartments in conjunction with a hotel at the Blackberry Farm resort area. It suffered severe earthquake damage in 1906, he said, and was dismantled by Enoch Parrish in 1907 and reconstructed as a barn. Stocklmeir questioned the historical significance of the barn because it had undergone so much modification.

Council also set a hearing on a proposed revised sign regulation ordinance for Tuesday, Aug. 24, at 7:30 p.m. in the City Council Chambers.

The intent of a tree preservation ordinance also was outlined by the council. Clarification had been requested by the Planning Commission. Council members indicated they wanted to preserve trees before construction and development occurred on land on the valley floor, rather than on existing development, except orchard trees and those with limited life, such as diseased trees. Definition of specimen trees should depend on their dia-

meters and whether they were of major significance, the council said. Officials added that they did not intend for the city to undertake any responsibility for maintaining trees on private land.

IN OTHER ACTION the council:

- Continued to Aug. 16, a request by A & W restaurants, Portal avenue and Stevens Creek Boulevard, to install artificial turf. The continuance was approved in a 2-1 vote with Don Frolich dissenting so the issue could be heard simultaneously with A & W's request for approval of an orange roof the firm already had installed without city approval. The city's architectural and site approval committee has recommended a lighter shade of orange. Councilwoman Kathy Nellis and O'Keefe were absent.

- Referred to staff a petition submitted by the Oak Meadows Homeowners association in De Anza Oaks to have the

area's private roads brought under the provisions of the state vehicle code.

- Recommended to the Santa Clara Valley Water District that construction of a walkway in a planned culvert at Highway 280 and Stevens creek be put off because deferred construction would not be more expensive. Herb Grench, director of the Midpeninsula Regional Park District said the district would be willing to help with financing the walkway. "If it's the community's desire," but not until an overall plan had been developed for it. In another action the district's master plan also was endorsed by the Council with the suggestion that the district co-ordinate its planning with the city in the urban service area.

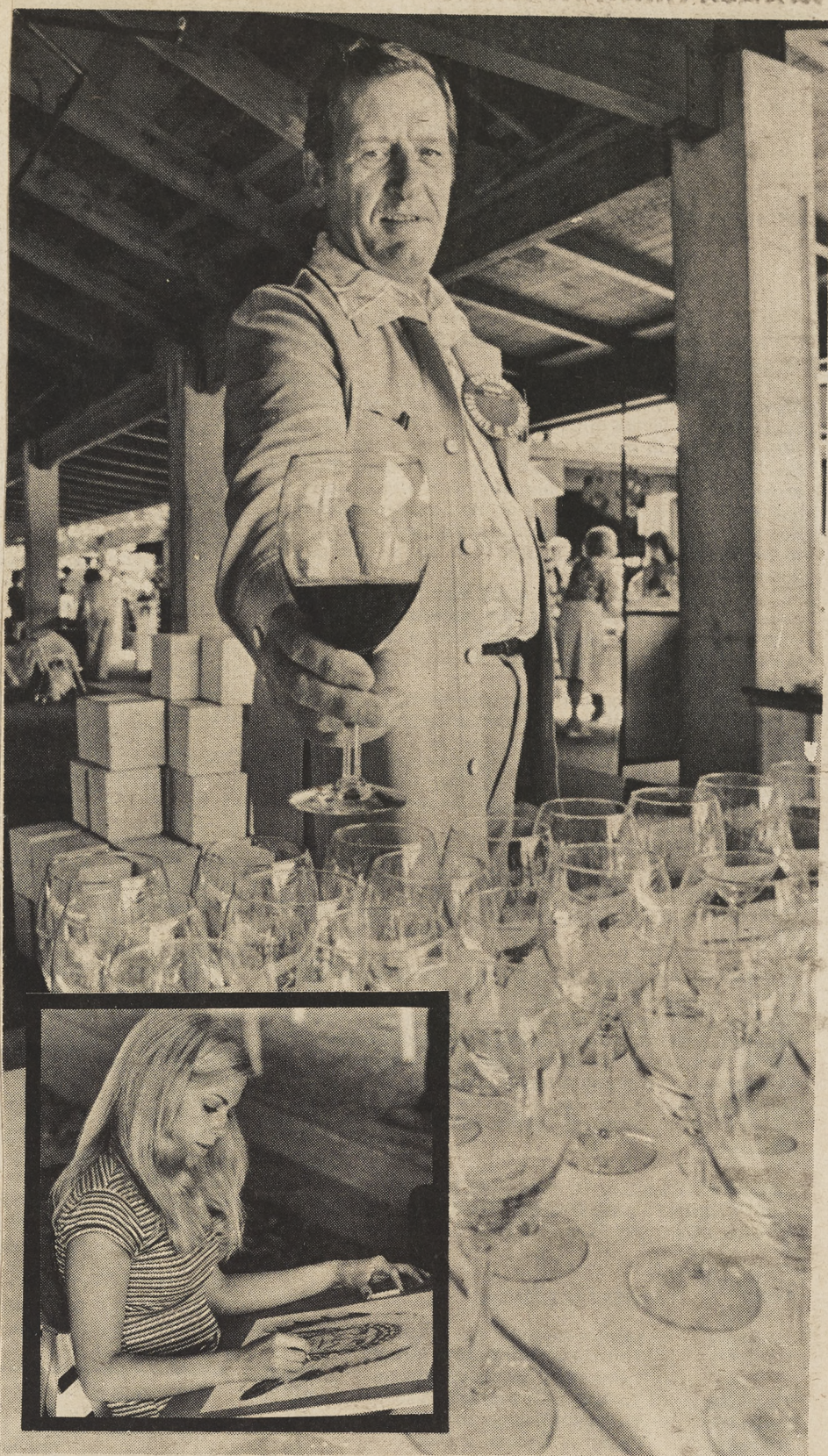
- Authorized staff to obtain consultants for a master plan for the corporation yard. The budget contains \$5,000 for the work but the city is going to try to obtain public works employment act funds for it.



This pastoral scene in the hills was found on a ranch near Stevens Canyon road. Photography by Peter Tobia

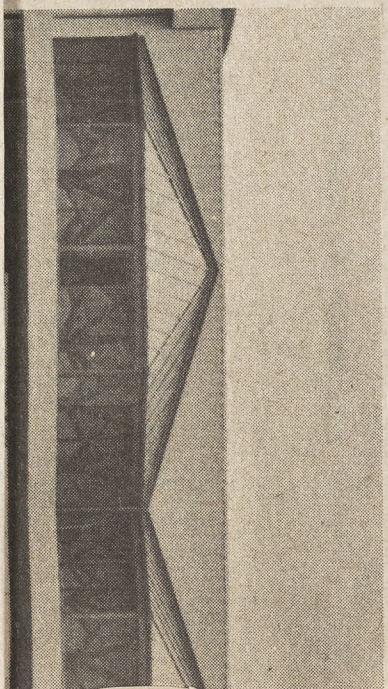
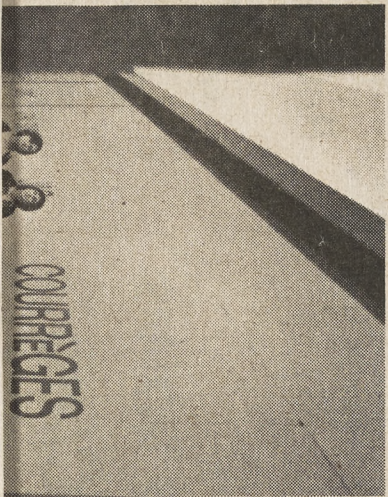
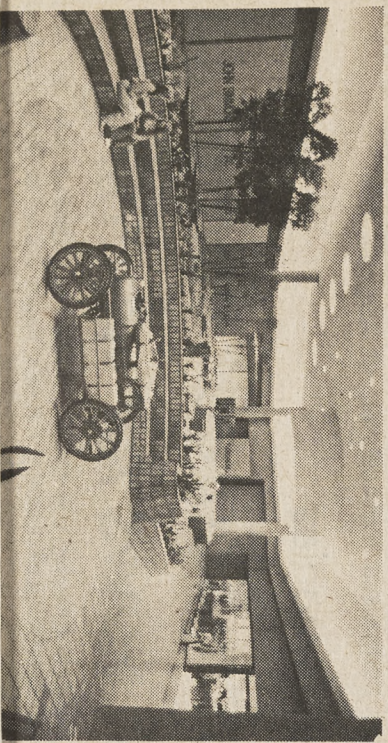
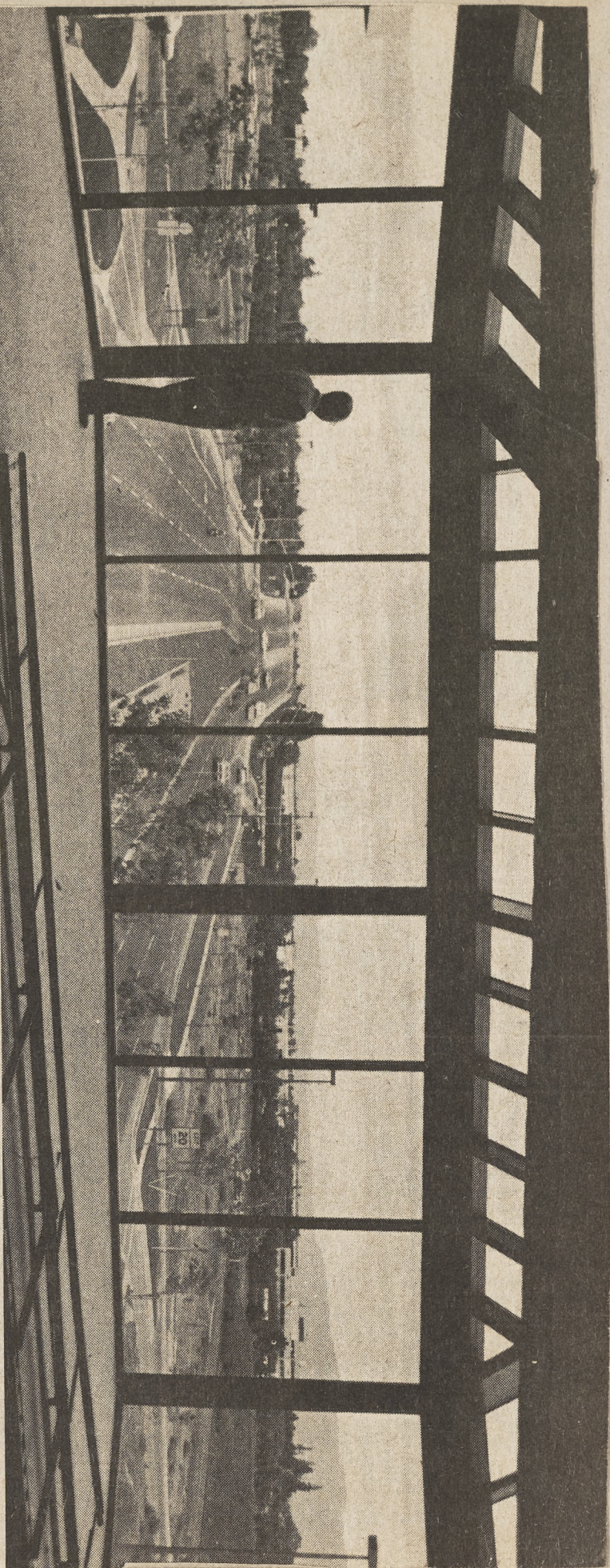
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CUPERTINO'S CHAMBER of Commerce grossed \$13,500 at its first annual wine-tasting and art festival Aug. 7-8. California Artists, which organized the art portion, claims more than 45,000 persons attended. Chamber Manager Frank Mulkern said he is not sure yet what the organization's net income was from the event, but he's confident a profit was derived. Some 7,500 wine glasses were ordered and about 4,500 sold. The Chamber plans to continue selling the others. Shown here is Chamber President Ralph Arent and artist Kathy Ornellas.

Photography by Kirk McClelland



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MONTA VISTA

All incoming freshmen and new students are invited to Monta Vista high school's orientation meeting on Thursday, Sept. 2, at 1 p.m. in the auditorium. The

stitchery competition in the home economics section were Beth Elliott, third place; Luella Edlund-Sunny View Manor, honorable mention, and Carol Elliott, second place. Luella Edlund-Sunnyview Manor also took a first and second place award in crochet and knitting.

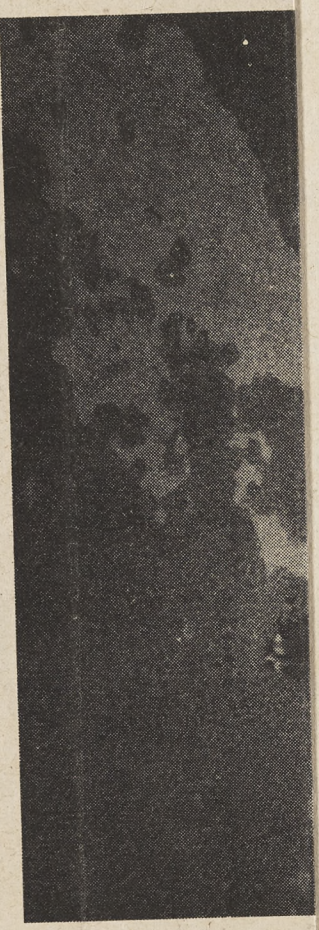


Douglas George Andrey, 15, a sophomore at Lynbrook high school, received his Eagle Scout award in ceremonies Aug. 6. The son of George and Marlene Andrey of San Jose, Douglas organized a Fremont Peak State Park Historic Trails conservation project for his Eagle badge. He is an honor student at Lynbrook, active in sports and school politics. He is also the junior vice president of the San Jose Coin Club.

An introduction to De Anza for women interested in college

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Cupertino welcomes...

KENNETH AND JUNE BURGERT are newcomers to 10896 Linda Vista drive. Kenneth is a programmer at Intel, and June is a homemaker. The couple has two children, Natalie, 14, and Kirsten, 9. The family hobbies include camping and hiking.

Just in at 21384 Dexter drive are **ROBERT AND HELEN RAMSEY**, former San Rafael residents. Robert is employed in marketing at Fairchild, and Helen is a homemaker. With their son Rob, 13, the family enjoys bridge and ping pong.

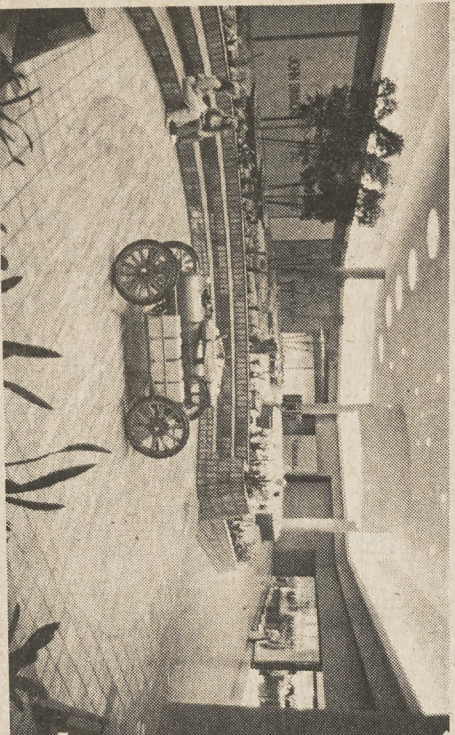
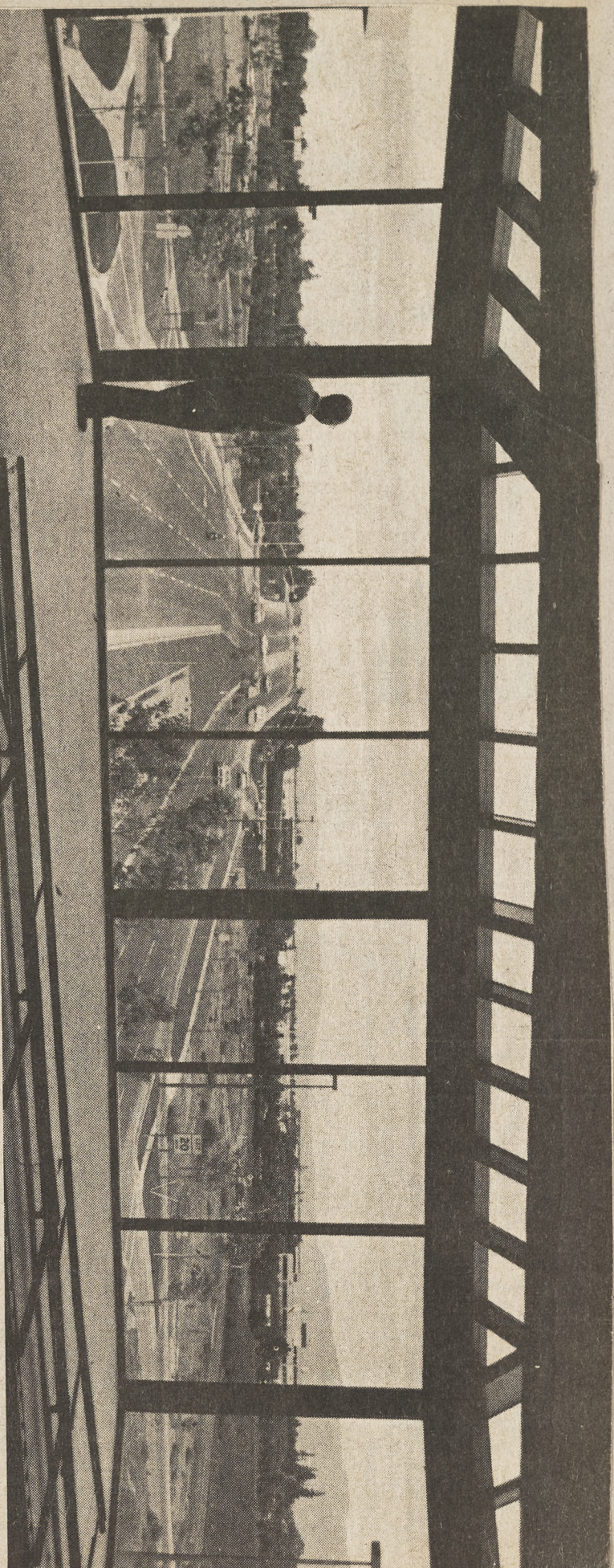
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ing here from Seattle. Ken is district manager at Envirotech, and Amelia is a homemaker. The couple has two daughters, Katherine, 3, and Stephanie, one.

Just in at 7536 De La Farge drive are **TYRONE AND PATTI TUPPER**, formerly of San Carlos. Tyrone is employed by Bell Markets, and Patti is a homemaker. Their son Scott is three, and Tracy is 14 months old.

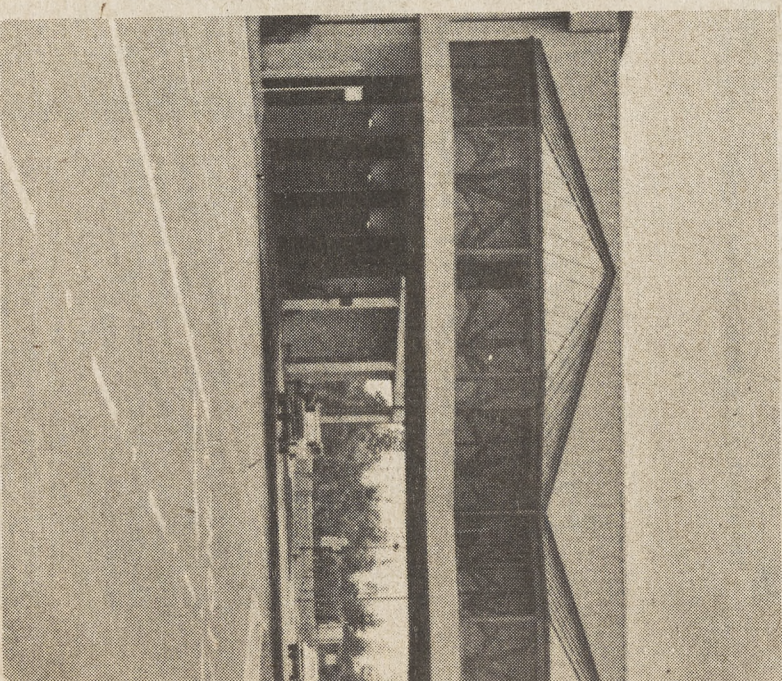
PHILIP AND SANDY CLARK are newcomers at 1994 Wheaton drive. Philip is the manager of a laser firm, and Sandy is a homemaker. Their children are Stacey, 9, and Jeffery.

RICHARD AND MARTHA JOHNSON just moved in at 10285 Colby ave. Richard is an electronics engineer with a laser



Cupertino's first fire engine stands in the De Anza court of the Vallico Fashion Park shopping center. One of the stores near I. Magnin will be Courreges, which will carry an original line of French clothing. The bridge over Wolfe, where Vallico general partner Will Lester is standing, will feature shops and restaurants.

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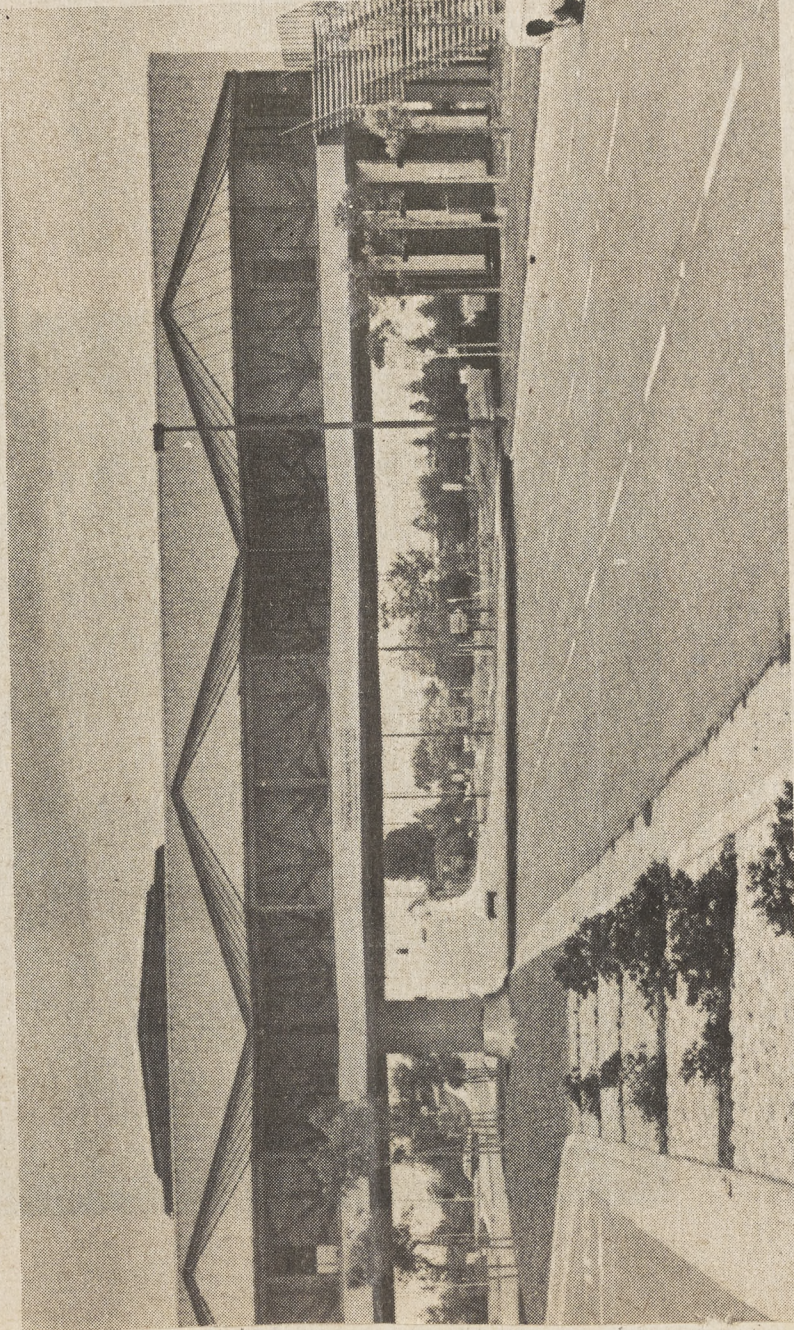
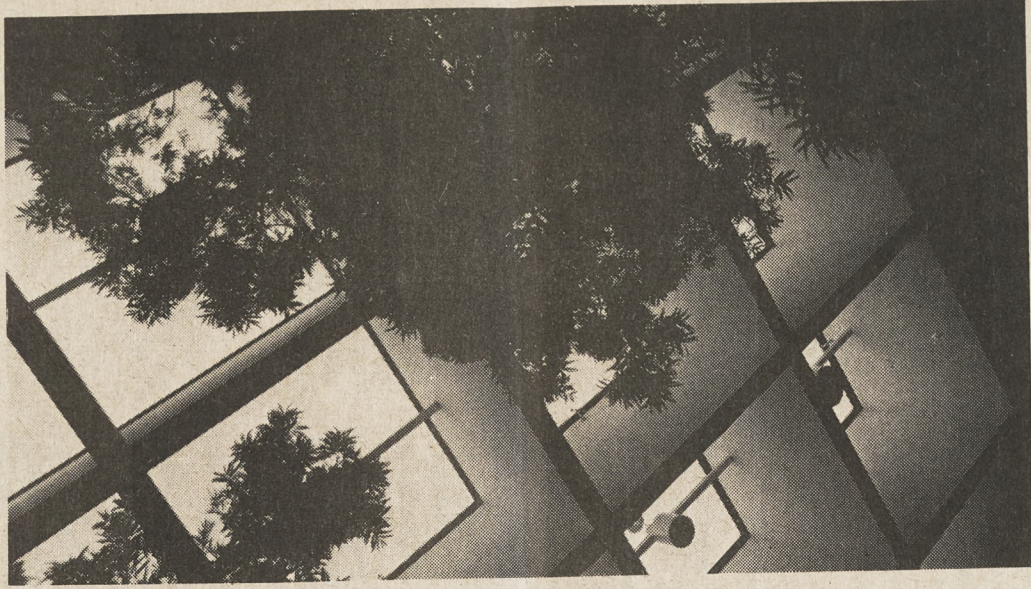
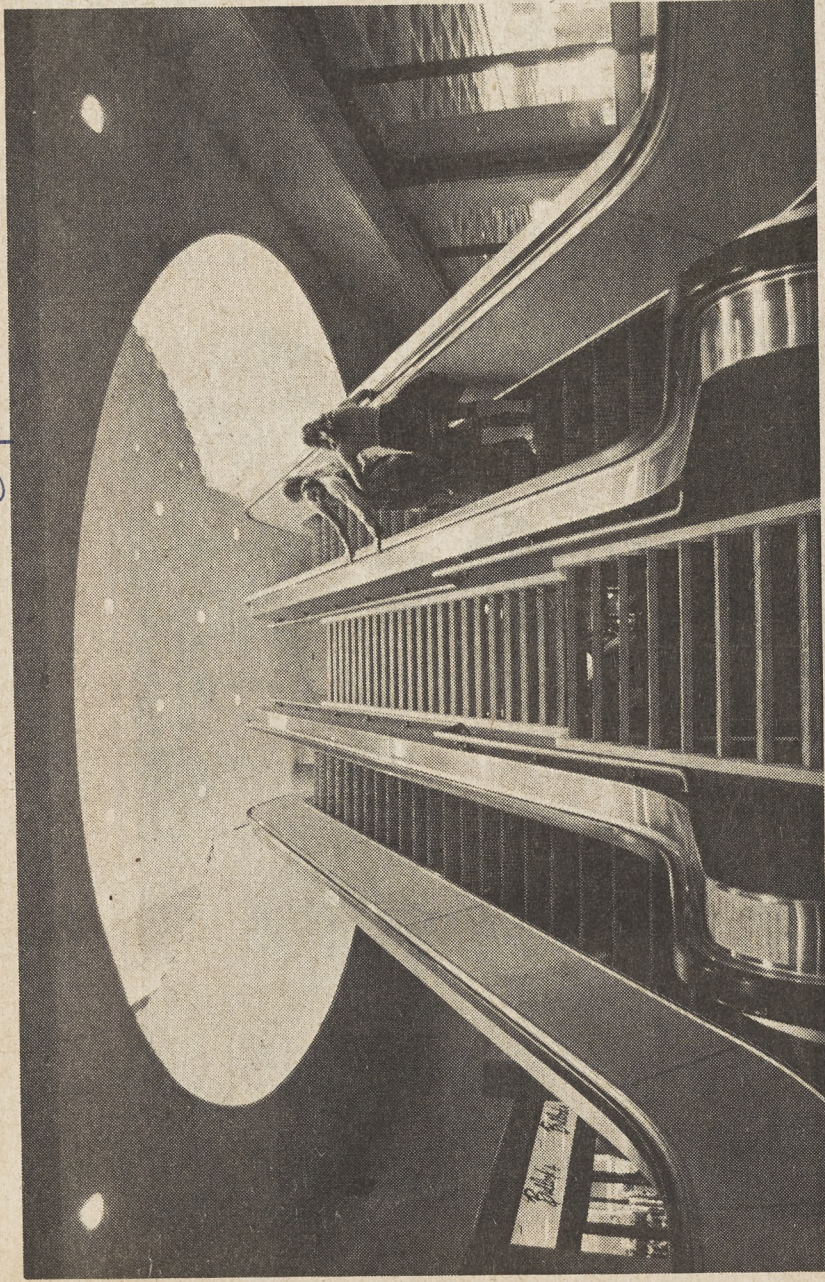
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A vineyard area will be part of the setting of the bridge over Wolfe. Shown looking over the center are Vallco general partners Burrell Leonard, left, and Will Lester. Center manager is Frank Strle, Jr. An ice arena is planned as part of the center.



rrival of Vallco

minute, any minute. It's been that way for two years," Leonard wryly comments.

The two Vallco partners note the shopping center will offer a variety of tenants. The first phase will sport a McDonald's and another fast-food eatery as well as two more expensive, sedate restaurants.

Merchandising of the center calls for grouping of "like" businesses, which means Coney Island hot dogs won't be placed next to I. Magnin. I. Magnin's store, which leads to the bridge over Wolfe, will be bordered by shops of comparable merchandise and prices so shoppers can engage in comparisons.

THE CENTER contains such niceties as hardwood floors, Mexican tile, skylights, live trees and historical memorabilia. "If the center is workable, some of degree of elegance doesn't hurt. But, elegance by itself won't make one work," Leonard declares.

Iona Duval, the shopping center's advertising and promotions director, notes that Vallco Fashion Plaza is enclosed. Also, it is a new, modern center, designed to try to achieve "warmth," she says.

Six theme parks are featured in the center. They include an electronics court, a farm, De Anza park, an orchard park and Cupertino park, which will contain the

center's promotional area. "We hope to have concerts every Tuesday night at 6:30 p.m.," Duval notes.

Memorabilia is featured in the parks. For example, Cupertino's first fire engine stands in Cupertino park. A wine press is located in a vineyard area on the bridge over Wolfe road. Duval notes that shoppers will be able to drive from one side of the center to the other through a tunnel. There will also be a bicycle route.

THE CENTER is a joint venture of Vallco Park, a limited partnership, and Phillip Lyon, (Sheldon) Gordon & Co. of Los Angeles. Gordon and Lyon split up center ownership 25-25 per cent and Vallco

has the other 50 per cent.

According to Leonard, Vallco, which was formed by three farm families trying to escape from heavy taxes, had undertaken many projects on its own. However, for the shopping center, it was decided outside expertise was needed. Vallco provided the land for the center and handled land use applications with the city. Gordon-Lyon takes care of the rest of the business.

The center was the subject of controversy which climaxed in an attempted referendum to overturn its use permit. Vallco was able to kill the referendum in superior court.

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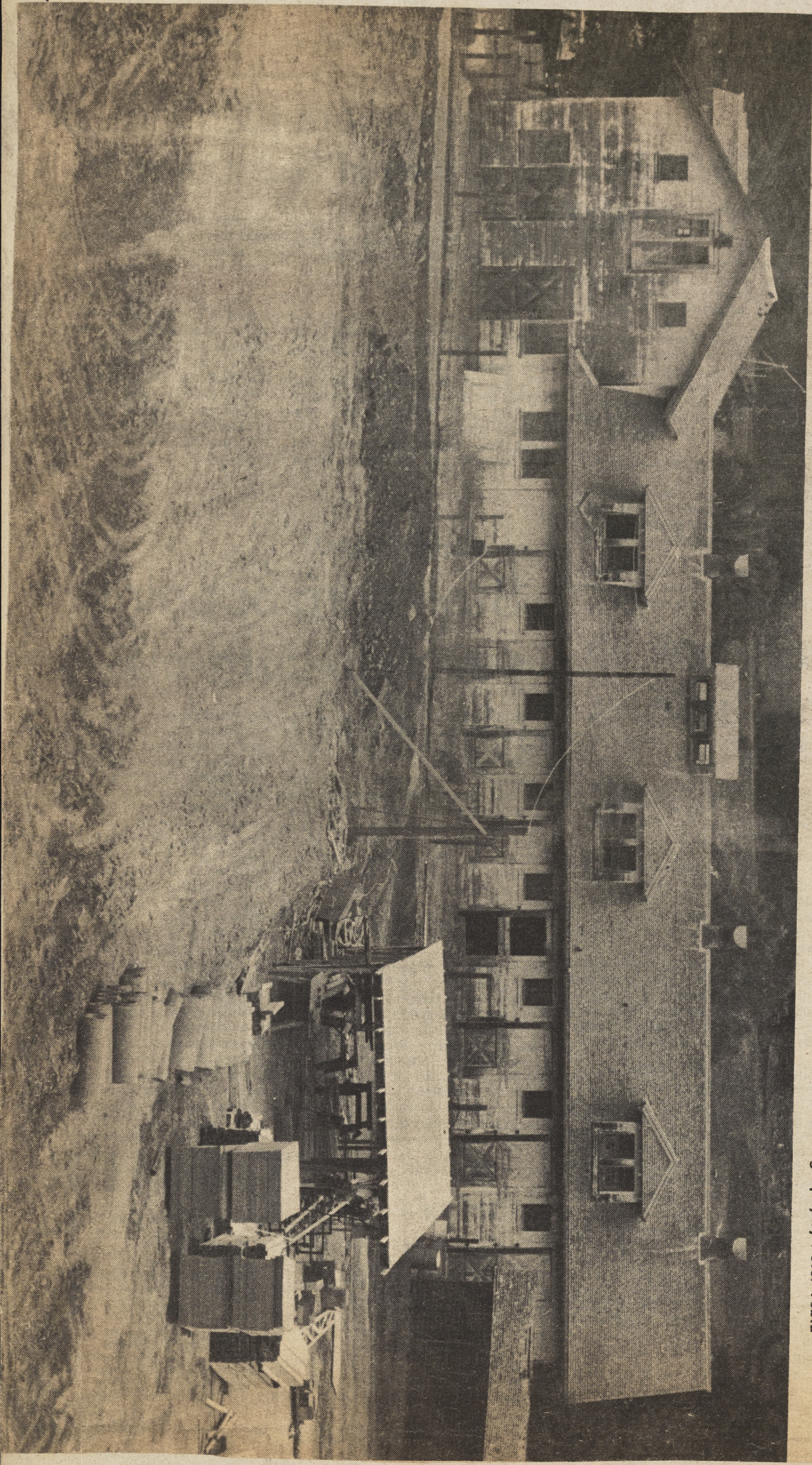
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Question box

Citizens emphatic on which city they choose

The Courier last week continued to receive responses to its query on whether some areas of West San Jose should be de-annexed from San Jose and joined with Cupertino.

LET ME IN!

Yes, Yes, Yes, Yes, I am so tired of having NO SAY in the government my taxes support and NO SAY

where I live. I live on Stelling-McClellan. That is San Jose? My feelings have always been for Cupertino. That is where I work and shop. That is where my children went to school; my church is there, etc. Policemen have to carry a map to see if a crime is in their jurisdiction.

Mary Lou Lyon

First, the financing of poverty programs like welfare and Medicaid or Medi-Cal should come from national, not local, sources. Second, a tax on property is no way to address a disparity of income.

Property taxes are ruinous in other respects as well. Even when used for local purposes like schools and highways and museums, they have begun to make homeownership a privilege for the wealthy, and

our readers write

Thanks for the diving coverage

EDITOR:

We have just concluded the best National Age Group Diving Championships ever held.

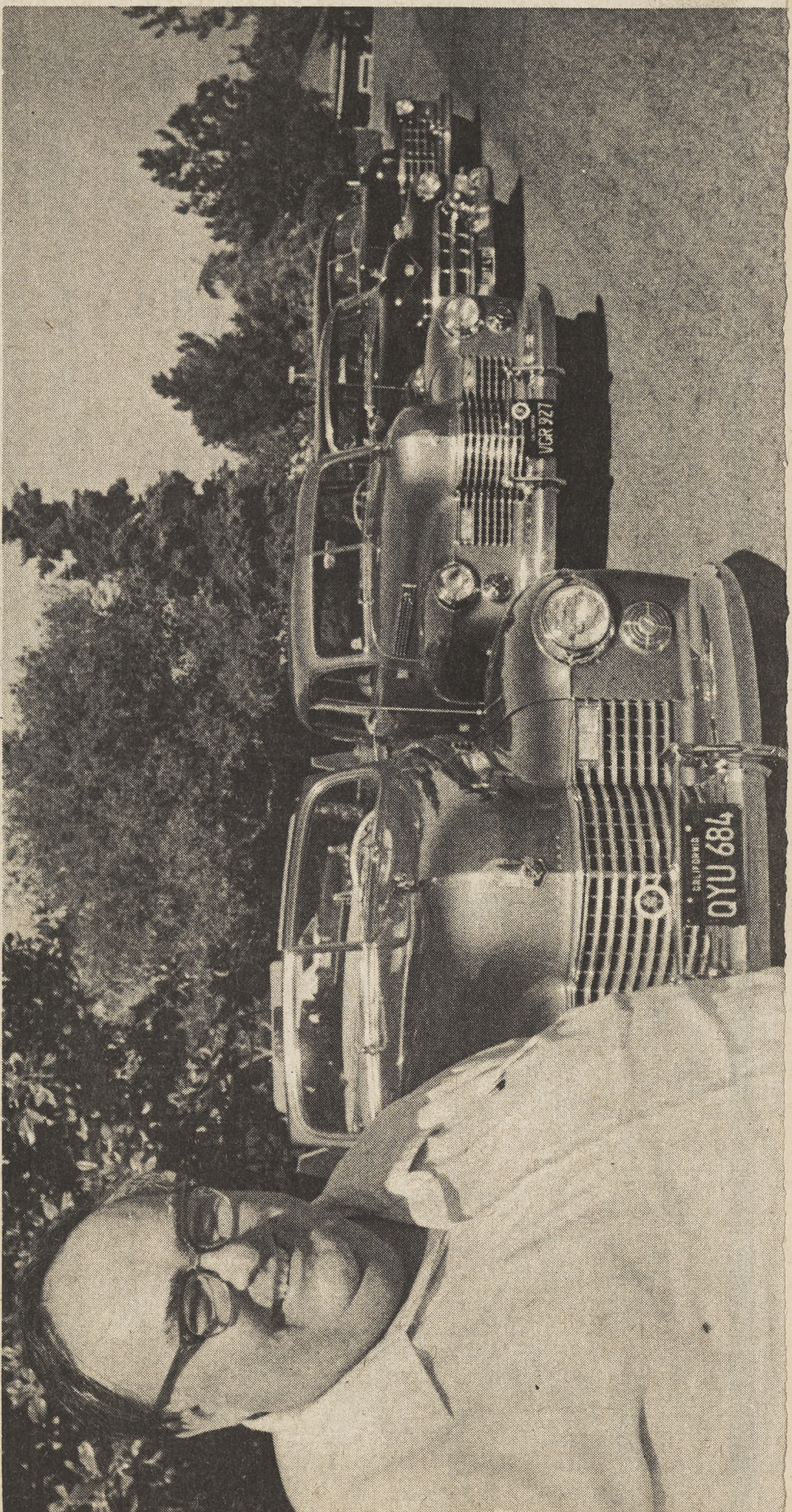
The Mission Trail Divers Club appreciates the extensive coverage provided by your articles.

The result was substantial attendance throughout the meet.

Over 251 youthful divers, their families and the community benefitted from your efforts.

Please accept our sincere thanks.

Barney Kammerer



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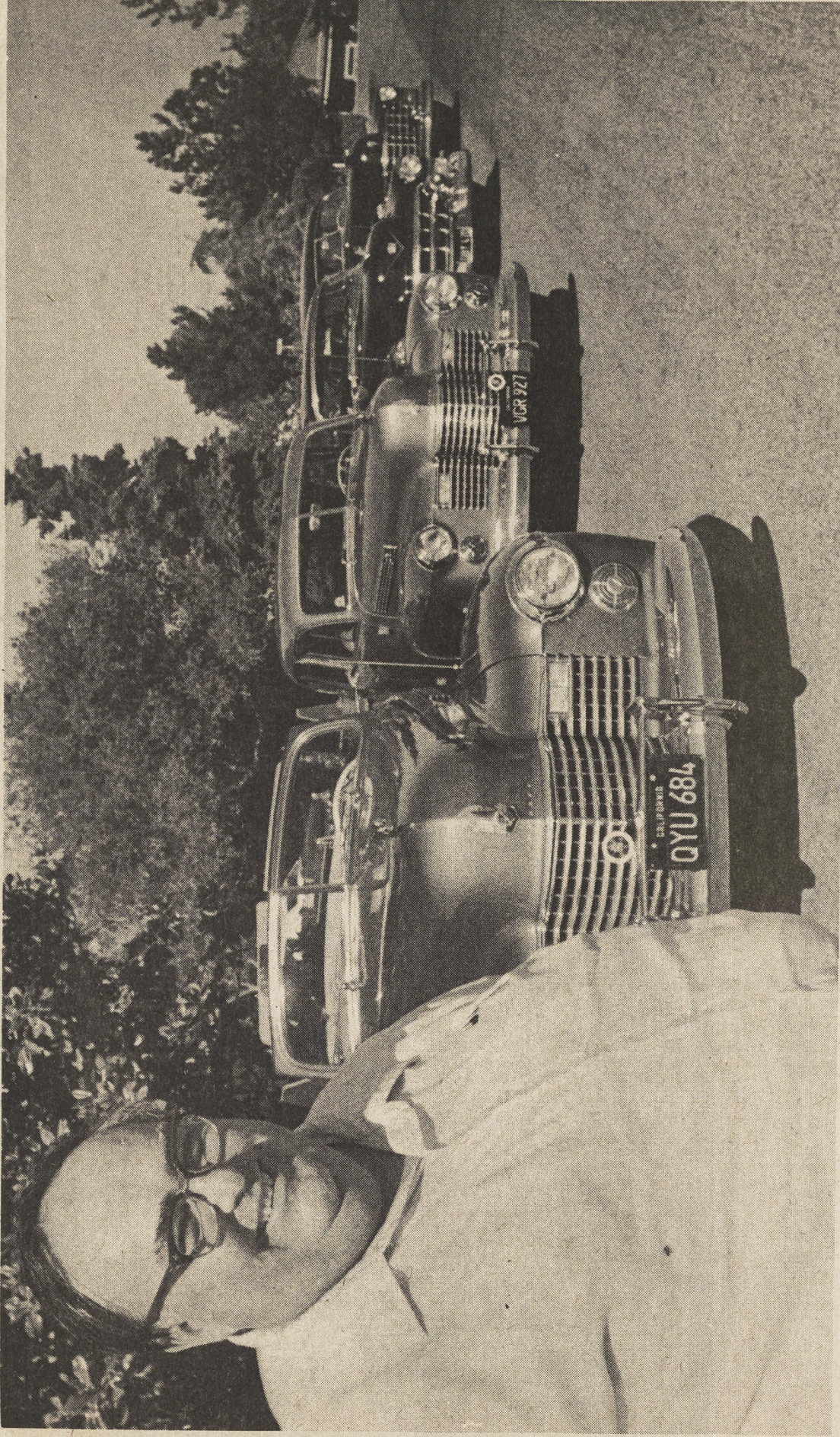
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STANDING with four of his Cadillacs is City Councilman Don Frolich. The cars are (from left) a 1941 Model 62 convertible; 1941,

60-S Fleetwood sedan, which has only 60,000 miles; 1953 Coupe de Ville Cadillac and 1947 Fleetwood Sedan.

Photography by Peter Tobia

The councilman's collection

Frolich's fleet of classy cars

By SUE BEVING

FOURTEEN YEARS ago, City Councilman Don Frolich was offered a ride in a 1941 Cadillac convertible by a fellow employee at the company where he worked.

He recalls the "nostalgia of looking out over the big hood with the lady (ornament) in front."

Today, Frolich owns eight of the luxury cars, ranging in vintage from 1938 to 1967. "Among collectors, eight is not a large number," he says. Frolich keeps seven of the cars at his residence in the Oak Knoll area and the other — a 1953 yellow convertible with wire wheels and a spare tire mounted at the rear — at a friend's house. "Storage is a problem," he notes.

An engineer, Frolich belongs to the Bay Area Region of a car club for Cadillac LaSalle owners, which holds annual private shows. The last was at Portal park in Cupertino on Aug. 1. Frolich entered four of his Cadillacs, and won a first prize for his 1941 60-S Fleetwood sedan, which he describes as his most stylish car, and third prize for his 1941 Cadillac Model 62 convertible. Both cars are a beautiful Managua Biege.

At the shows, cars are divided into classes, and owners cast their ballots to determine prizes. In judging, heavy significance is placed on originality in restoration, Frolich says.

AT PORTAL, 47 cars were placed on the grass near the barbecue area. About 150 persons attended the event, which of

course, included a barbecue. Arrangements were made by a sheriff's deputy who belongs to the club. "Regions compete against each other to see how many people they can turn up at a show," Frolich notes. Frolich first nourished his fancy for Cadillacs by purchasing a 1941 coupe, which he used for commuting to work. In 1964, he replaced it with his 1941 convertible, which he describes as a "little jazzier."

"It needed a new top and one thing led to another. I overhauled the engine and did some other things. Then it was too nice to use for commuting. I showed it in two or three concours (shows) and won some prizes. The class I was in at that time didn't have many cars. When I did the restoration a few things were not quite authentic," he recalls.

Frolich said he became a collector around 1966. Besides his 1941 models, and yellow convertible, he owns a 1953 Coupe de Ville, 1947 Fleetwood sedan and 1965 and 1967 models that he and his family drive. A 1938 model 75 coupe with a 141-inch wheel base sits in a corner of his garage awaiting restoration.

"I bought it just because I found it. I didn't pay much for it. I found out later that it is rare. They made only 35 to 40 that

year and there are only four or five still around," he says.

"I JUST SOLD a 16 cylinder (Cadillac). That was pretty rare," he adds.

A few years ago, an area newspaper did a story on Frolich's Cadillac collection, and sent it to a national wire service. "I got calls from people all over the country wanting to sell me Cadillacs," he recalls. "I got the 1947 sedan, which probably is the nicest car I have to ride in, from a guy in Seattle."

Frolich's car club also takes tours. This year some members went to Sonora. Also, fall reunions are held with members of the club's Southern Region in such places as Pismo Beach or San Luis Obispo.

But there are problems with driving beautiful cars on highways, Frolich notes. "People turn and look and you're afraid you're going to cause an accident or be involved in one." Stressing that he doesn't want to sound patronizing, Frolich adds he found the interest of "long hairs" in his cars heartwarming.

"I kind of got started in Cadillacs. There are other cars I'd like to have, but there are also other Cadillacs I'd like. Now I know my way around — the honest places to buy parts," he says.

'People turn around and you're afraid you're going to cause an accident'

"IN THE 1930's, the Cadillac had some really tough competition, but through the 1940's the Caddy was a wonderful automobile," Frolich says. "I don't think currently they're outstanding compared to other cars on the market, allowing for price, compared to what they used to be."

"Since they don't make convertibles anymore, any convertible is likely to appreciate in value."

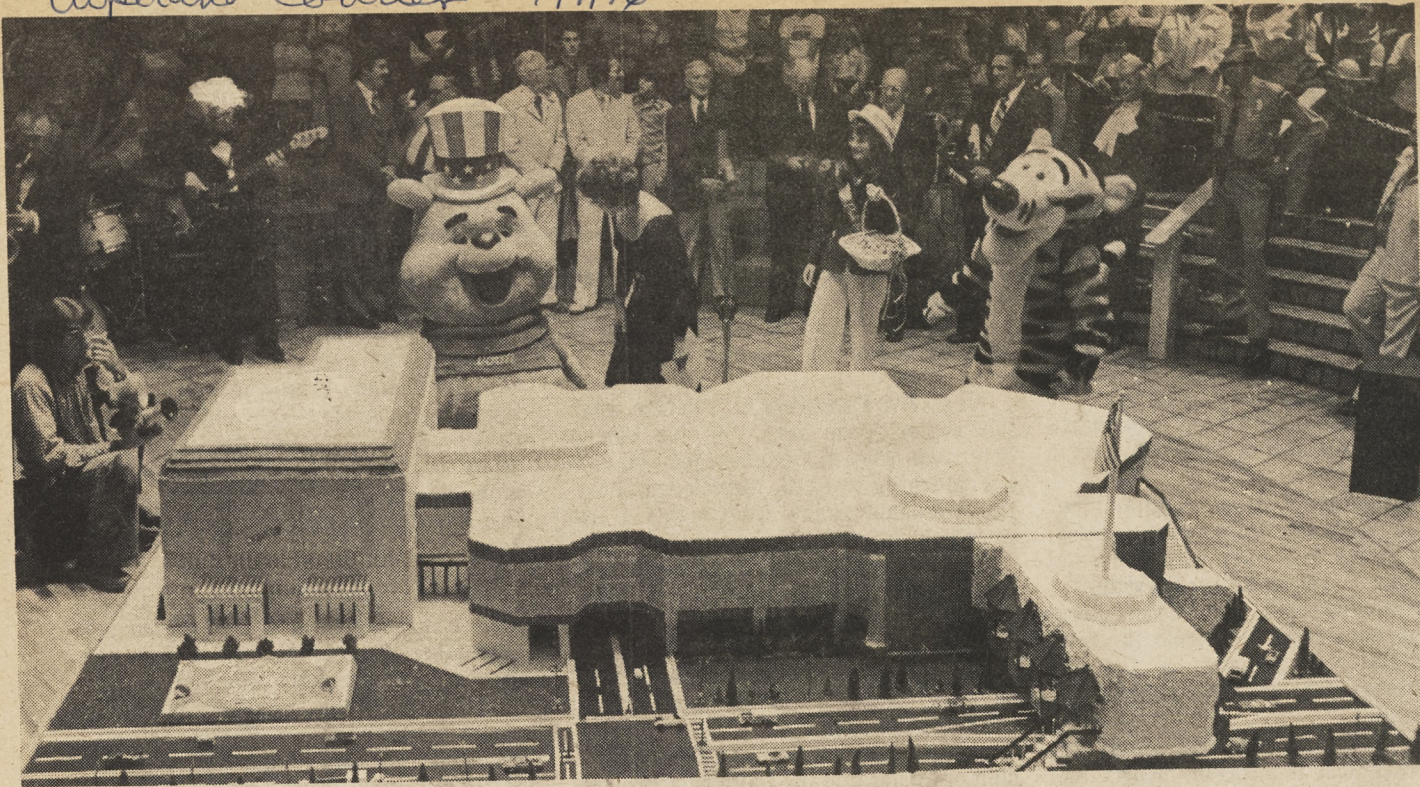
The older Cadillacs, he notes, contained much hand work. "Cadillacs are a family interest for the Frolichs. Daughter Jill met her boyfriend from San Carlos at a club dinner. He owns a 1949 Cadillac. According to father, Jim Frolich has been "crazy about them (Cadillacs) for years."

Jim, a sophomore at the University of California, at Davis, is staying home during the summer while working at AMI. He helps his father care for the cars. "He helps me work on them. I try to work on them, but when I'm on the City Council, I don't have much time," Frolich says. "As a consequence the cars are neglected. I also don't do as much touring as I'd like."

The cars have brought him and his son closer together, he says. The Frolichs also play Dixieland music.

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cake in the shape of the center, a pop concert by the San Jose Symphony Orchestra and an appearance by Winnie the Pooh.

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De Anza College begins 10th year

DE ANZA COLLEGE will begin its 10th year when the fall quarter gets underway next Monday, Sept. 20.

When the campus opened in the fall of 1967, the student population was 6,719. Last fall's enrollment was 19,687. Registrar Carmelita Geraci believes it is too early to project this fall's enrollment, but early indications are that it will be down more than 1,000 students from last fall.

In addition to hundreds of tuition-free daytime classes, the college will offer credit classes in the evening, on Saturdays beginning Sept. 25, via local television stations and at more than 30 locations throughout the community.

The college's Sunnyvale Center, located at 725 North Fair Oaks drive in

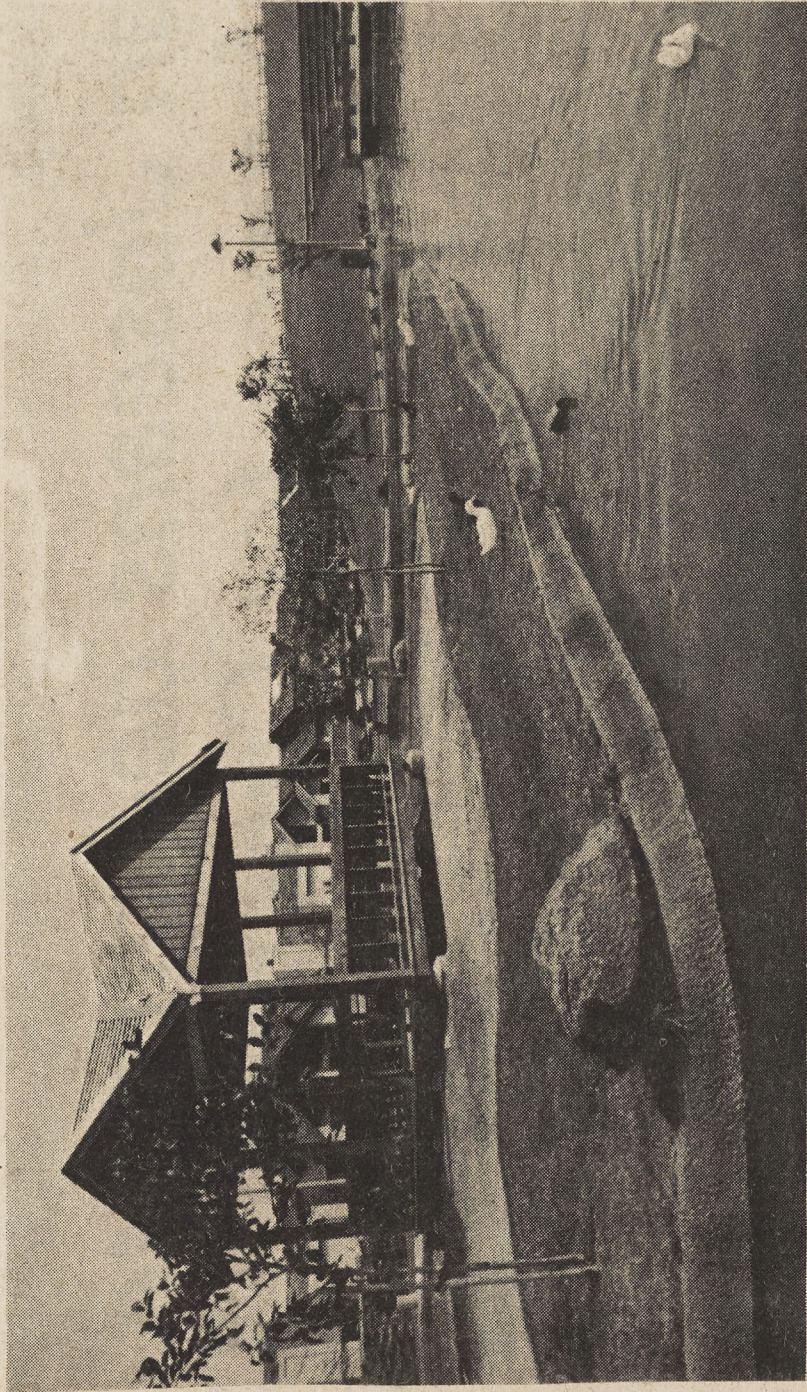
Sunnyvale, also will offer several day and evening credit classes. About 70 non-credit short courses, which require a fee, also will be offered at De Anza during the fall quarter.

Looking ahead to the new school year, A. Robert DeHart, De Anza president since the college's founding, said the institution will begin to change its focus.

The change in direction will involve diagnosing the needs of specific groups and individualizing instruction to meet those needs, De Hart said.

No new programs are planned for this year, according to the president. Instead, the college will strengthen programs which were formed in the last two years.

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FIRST PHASE construction of a gazebo in the city's Memorial park across from De Anza College is nearing completion. But placement of "gingerbread" trimming from the Enoch Parrish Victorian house, which formerly stood in the park, will take another month and a half, according to City Public Works Director Bert Viskovich. The Parrish house was demolished by the city and the trim saved. The sketch for the gazebo was done by resident Irv Webster, an architect.



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Photography by Jim Robison

Landmark vegetable stand prepares to move

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show, featuring halftime performances, at the high school. The event is sponsored by Tournament of Bands, Inc.

Sweepstakes winner in the parade competition was Armijo high school from Fairfield. Other

One marcher unable to join his comrades was on hand to offer encouragement. Photography by Tag Gregory



maximum enrollments of 2,083. Atwater high school, first place; Mt. Whitney high school in Visalia, second place; John Kennedy high school in Fremont, third place and Woodside high school, fourth place. Class C, maximum enrollment of 1,750, Newark high school, first place; Tracy high school, second place; Del Mar high school, third place and Los Altos high school, fourth place.

Class D for maximum enrollments of 1,480 students, Foothill high school in Pleasanton, first place; San Benito county high school in Hollister, second place; East Union high school in Pleasanton, first place; San Benito county high school in Hollister, second place; East Union high school in Manteca, third place and Prospect high school, fourth place. Class E, maximum enrollment, 940 students, Dinuba Union high school, first place; Coalinga high school, second place; San Lorenzo Valley high school in Felton, third place and Half Moon Bay high school, fourth place.

HALF TIME COMPETITION was divided into three classes, based on school enrollment. In the first class for large schools, Armijo high school placed first; Pasadena high, second and Livermore high school, third. In the second class, first place winner was Sunnyvale high; second, Monta Vista high and third, Mt. Whitney high. Winners in the third class were Foothill high, first place; Los Altos high, second place and Del Mar high, third place.

In the drum major military division, first place winner was Danny Barnette of Atwater high school; second place, Sue Meinig of San Lorenzo Valley high, and third place, Sandy Fraga of Clovis high. Winners in the drum major mace division



A little help from a friend is necessary to keep the fluff in the busby — that's the tall fur hat popular with most marching bands.



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Flags will fly in farewell

Landmark vegetable stand prepares to move after 13 years at De Anza boulevard site

A VEGETABLE stand on North De Anza boulevard, which once got into trouble with the city for displaying a full set of United Nations flags, will soon make way for a new Any Mountain sporting goods store.

Walter Kohn, general manager of the Produce Depot at 10477 N. De Anza boulevard next to Cupertino Nursery, says he plans to again fly the flags as a farewell gesture. Currently three are up.

Kohn says he probably won't have to move his produce business until Dec. 1

when he expects ground-breaking to occur for the sporting goods facility. Any Mountain's store now is located nearby at 20630 Valley Green drive.

Kohn says he is "dickering" on several other sites in the Cupertino area. They include the location of a vacant Texaco station at Stevens Creek and De Anza boulevards and two properties near K-Mart on Saratoga-Sunnyvale road in San Jose. However, Kohn may run into trouble in Cupertino unless he relocates in a commercial building. Vegetable stands,

unless food is grown on the property, are considered non-conforming uses. Previously, an exception was made for Kohn's 13-year-old stand because it already was in existence. He leases his current site. "They can't stop a sound business," he declared.

KOHN'S recollection of the flag episode of four-five years ago, differs from the version related by Planning Director Jim Sisk and other city officials. Sisk explains that the city took the position that Kohn was just using the flags as an advertising gimmick rather than to honor United

Nations members. "We always had problems with him on signs. He lined that entire building with flags. We said it was just advertising. He finally took them down."

But Kohn declared that the city backed down. Attorney Melvin Belli as well as the United Nations supported his case, he said, noting that the flags cost him \$550.

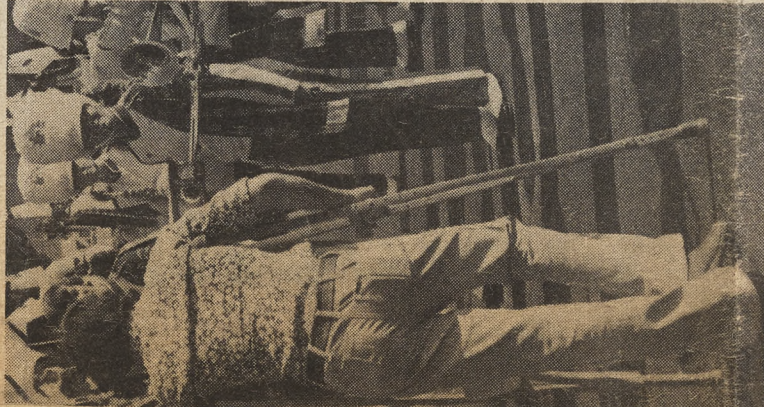
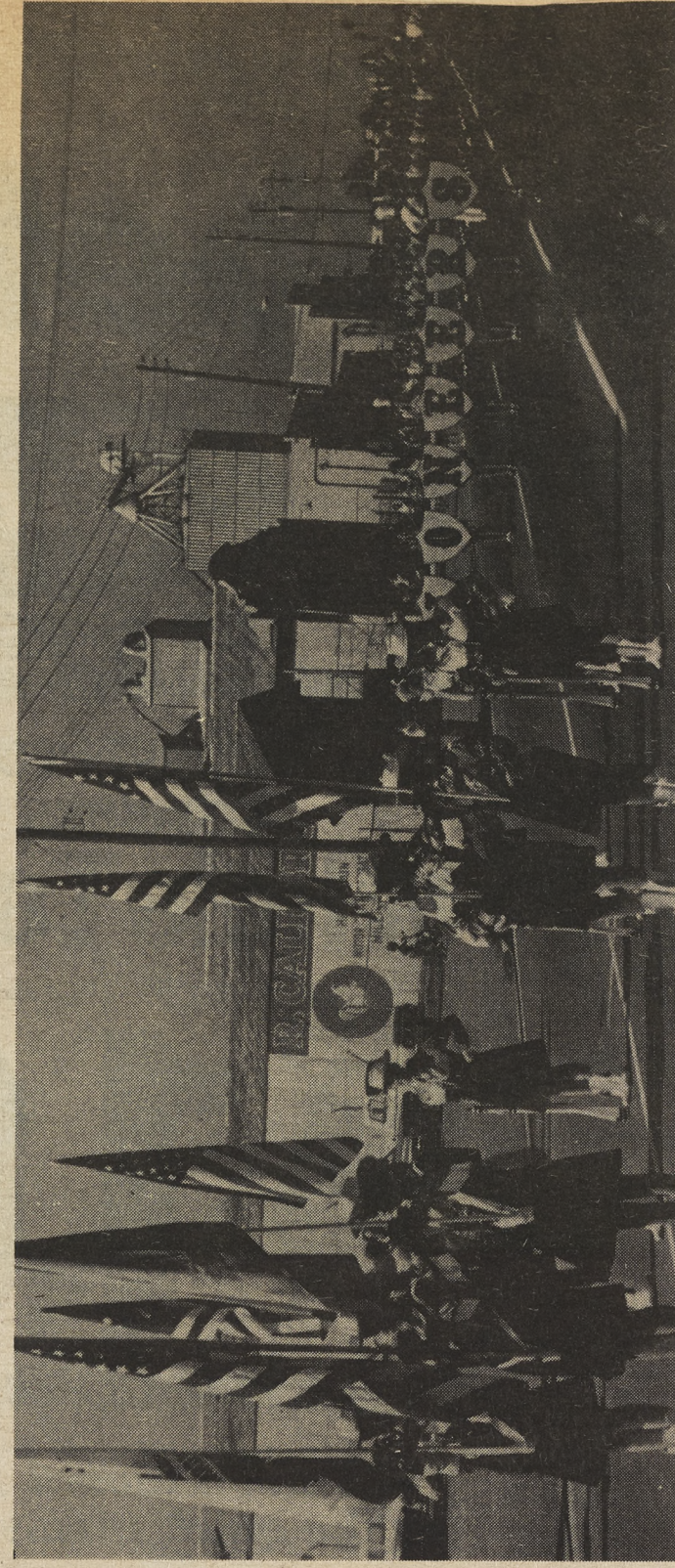
"We did get a call from the United Nations Mission in San Francisco. But we explained to them our position," Sisk said. "Yea, I think somebody from Melvin Belli's office did call," he added.

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One marcher unable to join his comrades was on hand to offer encouragement. Photography by Tag Gregory

Forty high school bands marched through the city, from De Anza and Stevens Creek boulevards to Cupertino high school, on Saturday. Half Moon Bay high school, shown here, won fourth place in the parade competition. The event was sponsored by Tournament of Bands, Inc.

Cupertino's Tournament of Bands

The day belonged to the marching musicians

SUNNYVALE HIGH SCHOOL'S band won the halftime show sweepstakes award in Saturday's annual Tournament of Bands in Cupertino.

Forty bands from throughout the state participated in a parade down Stevens Creek boulevard to Cupertino high school and 16 in an evening show, featuring halftime performances, at the high school. The event is sponsored by Tournament of Bands, Inc.

Sweepstakes winner in the parade competition was Armijo high school from Fairfield. Other

winner in the parade contest were:

Class A for schools with a maximum enrollment of 2,500, Armijo high school, first place; Sunnyvale high school, second place; Pasadena high school, third place and Watsonville high school, fourth place. Class B, a classification for schools with maximum enrollments of 2,083, Atwater high school, first place; Mt. Whitney high school in Visalia, second place; John Kennedy high school in Fremont, third place and Woodside high school, fourth place. Class C, maximum enrollment of 1,750, Newark high school, first place; Tracy high school, second place; Del Mar high school, third place and Los Altos high school, fourth place.

Class D for maximum enrollments of 1,480 students, Foothill high school in Pleasanton, first place; San Benito county high school in Hollister, second place; East Union high school in Pleasanton, first place; San Benito county high school in Hollister, second place; East Union high school in Manteca, third place and Prospect high school, fourth place. Class E, maximum enrollment, 940 students, Dinuba Union high school, first place; Coalinga high school, second place; San Lorenzo Valley high school in Felton, third place and Half Moon Bay high school, fourth place.

HALF TIME COMPETITION was divided into three classes, based on school enrollment. In the first class for large schools, Armijo high school placed first; Pasadena high, second and Livermore high school, third. In the second class, first place winner was Sunnyvale high; second, Monta Vista high and third, Mt. Whitney high. Winners in the third class were Foothill high, first place; Los Altos high, second place and Del Mar high, third place.

In the drum major military division, first place winner was Danny Barnette of Atwater high school; second place, Sue Meinig of San Lorenzo Valley high, and third place, Sandy Fraga of Clovis high. Winners in the drum major mace division

were Dan Bowe, Foothill high, first place; Rick Brewer, Tranquillity high school and Steve Sanger, Armijo high, second place and Andy Carter, Half Moon Bay high, third place.



A little help from a friend is necessary to keep the fluff in the busby — that's the tall fur hat popular with most marching bands.

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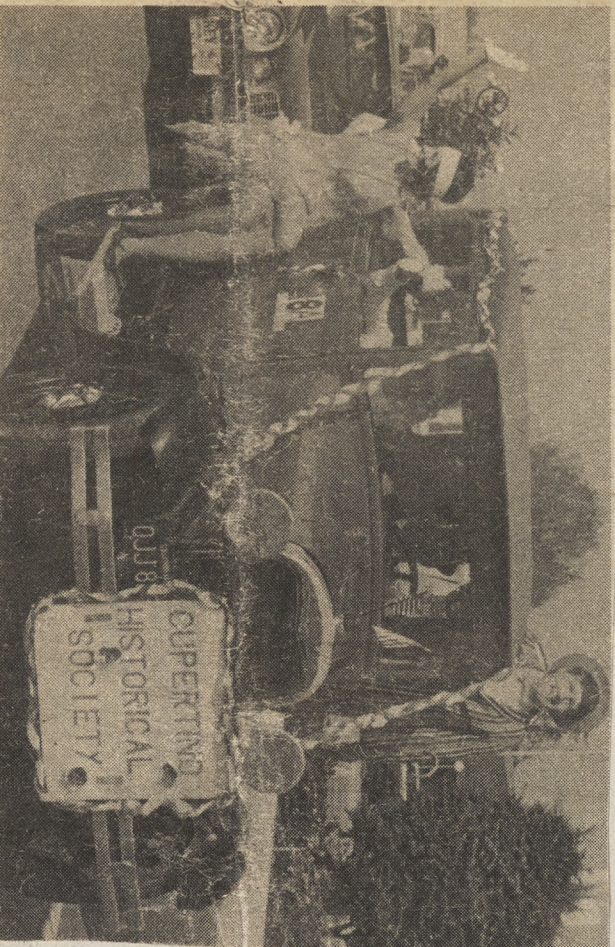
Parade unit winners listed

CUPERTINO'S ANNUAL Pioneer Day parade was held Saturday and once again concluded at Cupertino high



Elephants from Circus Vargas joined the line of march, awing spectators with their size.

Tuesday, October 26, 1976



CUPERTINO HISTORICAL Society's entry won the "best decorated car" division in the Pioneer Day parade. The annual event attracted thousands of marching band fans and horse (and horseless carriage) fanciers Saturday. For more pictures and other parade winners see page 2 of today's Courier.

school, where a school carnival was staged.

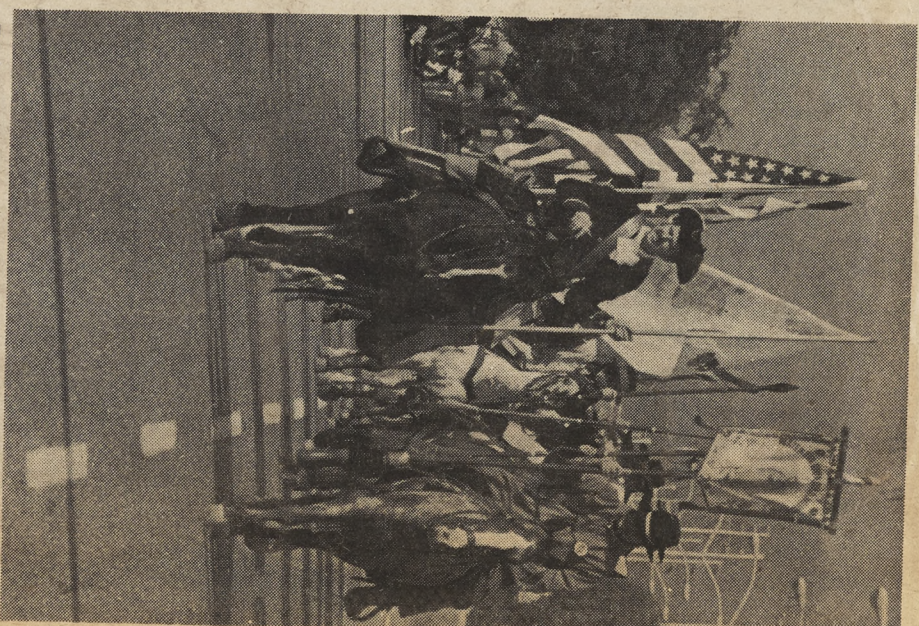
Last year, the Cupertino Chamber of Commerce, which funds the parade, undertook the parade planning itself and used a different format. The action was taken by the chamber because of complaints from other high schools that the event solely benefited Cupertino high. But, the chamber gave the event back to Cupertino High Principal George Fernandez to plan this year, because chamber spokesmen said they were not successful in obtaining the cooperation of other high schools last year.

Parade winners this year were:

Foats, overall winner for depicting a bicentennial theme, Los Gatos Christian Church; first place for area organizations, Rolling Hills of Cupertino 4-H Club and first place for organizations from outside the area, Los Gatos Christian Church. Marching bands, overall winner for bicentennial theme, Kennedy junior high school marching band; junior high school bands, Kennedy; high school bands, Cupertino high school and military units, U.S. Coast Guard.

Drum and bugle corps, overall winner for bicentennial theme, Bethany Lutheran school. Drill teams, overall winner, Presidio bicentennial color guard; men's drill teams, U.S. Coast Guard; girls' drill teams, Golden Spurs of Cupertino high school and junior boys' drill teams, U.S. Marshal drill team. Majorettes, overall winner, Bonnie Rosette and Rose Bud Baton corps; senior and junior group winners, Sweet Sioux Baton corps; junior solo, Majestics and Pee Wee division, Rose Buds.

Miscellaneous division, overall winners, Kristie Mali and Linda Brown; best decorated car, Cupertino Historical Society; horseless carriage, Northern California Savings and Loan Association; comic and novelty, Peninsula Shrine club clowns; best municipal entry, Cupertino Browne and Girl Scouts; antique car, Albert Frank and equestrian overall winner, De Anza Lancers.



Riders who helped re-enact the De Anza expedition trek led the parade.

Several politicians attended the event. They included Congressman Norman Mineta, State Sen. Jerry Smith, County Supervisor Geraldine Steinberg, Assemblyman Richard Hayden and County Supervisor Rod Diridon.

